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USCIS Comments

Dear USCIS Comments:

I am writing to you as an international educator and emigrant to this country. I am totally opposed to the February 1, 2007, proposed rule "Adjustment of the Immigration and Naturalization Benefit Application and Petition Fee Schedule."

It seems to me we are "acting" as if we are opposed to illegal emigrants

crossing the border from Mexico, but on the same token we make it as hard and expensive as possible to encourage people to come in through "official" ways.

Many people will not be able to afford those fees and will therefore be illegal here. So what is the point? If USCIS is cash-strapped then they should try to clean up their act. I can tell you from personal experience that the legal process of immigrating is a nightmare! I went through it and now my wife is going through it. We are almost at a point to say that it is not worth it to come here anymore.

We are both educated people and would like to contribute to this country

but feel like as if our input is not wanted, whereas people who don't even speak English (and many times don't even make an effort) can get all the

benefits they want. People who work for minimum wage, and are possibly here illegally will not be able to afford these fees anymore, and as mentioned before, will stay illegal. Why don't we fight a "war on illegal emigrants?"

Besides that, international students will not come here anymore because they will find similar education options in other countries for less money. So why bother with the U.S.? Do we really want this kind of "brain-drain" to continue?

Sincerely,

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