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As an immigration attorney, I was taken aback by the announcement of fee increases once again for USCIS filings. I currently have clients who are eligible for citizenship and would like nothing better than to be U.S. citizens, but the current fee of \$330 for filing the N-400 has set them back. Having to provide eyeglasses, medical coverage, a roof over their heads and food on the table have taken priority. Whenever they approach saving enough to file, something inevitably occurs for which that reserve is needed.

Now you propose to raise these fees. How are working people, which is what these immigrants are, ever going to keep up with the layers of bureaucracy we continue to impose? Placing the burden on immigrants is tantamount to saying "Get out of here. We don't want you anyway." The cost for insuring our security is every citizen's duty and should not be foisted upon those who do not receive the benefits of citizenship.

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