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I wish to express my strong opposition to the proposed fee increases by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). I strongly feel that the increased fee proposal is excessive and will continue to block individuals seeking to adjust their immigration status.

The proposed fee increases will place too heavy a burden on the backs of immigrants; thus denying them their dreams of becoming American citizens or preventing them from reuniting with their families. This dramatic increase goes counter to the administration effort to help immigrants become citizens of the United States.

The administration has made the democratic inclusion of immigrants one of its most prominent public messages. Dropping the proposed fee increases would add credibility to these public statements and also support immigrants in their efforts to contribute to the nation's vibrancy and future.

Again, this economic barrier will diminish many people's hope to become permanent residents or citizens and/or to be reunited with their family members. I eagerly await your response.

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