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Dear Mr. Gonzalez,

If this plan is to simply reduce the number of prospect immigrants to the US, it will be a success. However, by the proposed plan, it will significantly give significant financial burden on us. I am currently working as E-2 holder worker due to inefficient process by the Department of Labor. My previous H-1B visa was expired in December of 2006 while my employer supported applying for an employer based green card. However, I have been waiting for the appeal for denial of Labor Certificate which submitted in April 2006, and after waiting for almost 10 months, nothing has processed.

Even if the fee increases, it will not be the solution. I believe it is a system-wide dysfunction.

Not only increasing the fee, US Homeland Security prohibited processing I-130 outside US. This is a significant impact to a significant numbers of couples who got married in oversea. Some who already in their country, but due to the immediate change, their paperwork was overturned, and they have no clue what to do. Also, this will prohibit people who want to get married in other countries, however, a spouse will not be able to enter the US as US prohibits a spouse to enter as a tourist visa. Some couples are apart due to the change.

In addition, as a foreign worker, I have been paying taxes, however, as my status prohibits, I will never receive the benefits that all other Americans will receive when I equally pay taxes as Americans do.

If the delay will never occur during the process and if this is guaranteed, it may worth a consideration, however, with this already-dysfunction system, I do not believe any positive change will happen, this will simply aggravate increase of attorney fees.

Sincerely,

Yoko Nishikubo