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USCIS Comments

Dear USCIS Comments:

I am writing in opposition of USCIS fee increases.

The fees are doubling or tripling and are a burden to those affected. We need to encourage more international students and scholars, not discourage them. The United States reaps immeasurable benefits—for our foreign policy, our students' education, our economy, our competitiveness, and our public diplomacy—from attracting the best and brightest minds and the next generation of world leaders to America's educational institutions.

While I understand that USCIS is permitted by law to recover the full cost of its services through fees, and indeed has no other option so long as Congress is unwilling to appropriate funds for the operation of the agency, I ask that the fees be reduced to the actual cost of processing the application or petition. Meanwhile, I ask Congress to step up to its responsibility for fixing the untenable situation that drives these fee increases.

Sincerely,

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