March 13, 2009

Secretary Janet Napolitano
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington DC 20528

Dear Secretary Napolitano:

The undersigned organizations write in support of the letter from US Rep. Jan Schakowsky and her Congressional colleagues urging you to act now to reduce citizenship fees. The Bush Administration's decision to increase fees from $400 to $675 in July 2007 has put citizenship further out-of-reach for thousands of hardworking, patriotic immigrants who want to fully participate in our democracy. We urge you to reduce the citizenship fee back to $400, and make the American dream of citizenship attainable again. Thank you for your consideration.

Lead Signers: The New Americans Alliance

1. CASA of Maryland
2. CAUSA/PCUN (Oregon)
3. Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)
4. Florida Immigrant Coalition
5. Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
6. Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA)
7. National Korean American Service and Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
8. New York Immigration Coalition
9. OneAmerica
10. Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC)

National Organizations

11. American Association of Jews from the Former USSR
12. American Families United
13. America's Voice
14. Asian American Justice Center
15. Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM)
16. Hmong National Development
17. Immigrant Legal Resource Center
18. Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund (LALDEF)
19. LatinoJustice PRLDEF
20. League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
21. National Alliance of Latin American & Caribbean Communities
22. National Federation of Filipino American Associations National Council of La Raza
23. National Immigrant Justice Center
24. National Immigration Forum
25. National Immigration Law Center

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26. OCA - Embracing the Hopes and Aspirations of Asian Pacific Americans
27. Service Employees International Union
28. Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)
29. United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society
30. U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants

Additional State Coalitions

31. Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice
32. Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC)
33. Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center
34. Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials (GALEO)
35. Idaho Community Action Network
36. Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance (MIRA)
37. National Capital Immigrant Coalition
38. New Jersey Immigration Policy Network
39. Northwest Federation of Community Organizations (NWFCO)
40. Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition
41. Sunflower Community Action, Wichita, KS
42. Voces de la Frontera, Milwaukee, WI

Faith and Faith-Based Organizations

43. Antioch Presbyterian Church, Montrose City, CA
44. Cardinal Bevilacqua Community Center/Catholic Social Services Archdiocese of Philadelphia
45. Catholic Charities Archdiocese of San Antonio, San Antonio, TX
46. Catholic Charities of Dallas, Immigration and Legal Services, Dallas, TX
47. Catholic Migration Office, Brooklyn, NY
48. Church of Peace (PCUSA), Los Angeles, CA
49. Farmworker Ministry, Inc., Auburndale, FL
50. Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society of Chicago (HIAS Chicago), Chicago, IL
51. Holy Family Immigrant Center, Waukegan, IL
52. Holy Spirit Peace&Justice Community, McAllen, TX
53. IJS, Edison, NJ
54. Irish Apostolate USA, Silver Spring, MD
55. Irish Immigration Pastoral Center, San Francisco, CA
56. Islamic Cultural Center of North America, Bronx, NY
57. Jewish Community Action, St. Paul, MN
58. Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, Chicago, IL
59. Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, Chicago, IL
60. Jewish Family Service of Metrowest, Framingham, MA
61. JPIC Office Wheaton Franciscans, Wheaton, IL
62. Korean Catholic Disability Mission in Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
63. Korean Christian Broadcasting Network, Los Angeles, CA
64. Leadership Team of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, O'Fallon, MO
65. Lutheran Community Services Northwest, SeaTac, WA
66. Lutheran Social Services, West Springfield, MA
67. Lutheran Social Services of NE, W. Springfield, MA
68. Migration and Refugee Services Diocese of Trenton, Trenton, NJ
69. Muslim American Society, Nashville, TN
70. New Sanctuary Coalition of New York City, New York, NY
71. Office of the Vicar for Hispanic Catholics, Philadelphia, PA
72. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Community Center, Melrose Park, IL

73. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Melrose Park, IL
74. Pax Christi Maine, Portland, ME
75. Peace and Social Justice Ministry, Catholic Diocese of Joliet, Romeoville, IL
76. Project IRENE, Illinois
77. River of Life Church, Monmouth, IL
78. Salahadeen Center of Nashville, Nashville, TN
79. Shalom Life Line, Los Angeles, CA
80. Sisters of Charity of New York, Office of Justice and Peace, Bronx, NY
81. Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, South Central Community, Belmont, NC
82. Sisters of Notre Dame, New York, NY
83. Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center, Philadelphia, PA
84. Sisters of St. Francis, Tiffin, OH
85. Social Justice Group of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Hightstown, NJ
86. Society of Jesus, New York Province, New York, NY
87. South Bay Presbyterian Church, Gardena, CA
88. St. Bridget's Church IAS, Garfield, NJ
89. St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Melrose Park, IL
90. St. Matthew/San Mateo Episcopal Church and Jubilee Center, Auburn, WA
91. St. Norbert Abbey Justice and Peace Committee, De Pere, WI
92. The Little Jesus Family, Los Angeles, CA
93. The United Montagnard Christian Church, Greensboro, NC
94. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Danbury, Danbury, Ct

Other Organizations

95. ABCD Parker Hill/Fenway, Roxbury, MA
96. Action Langley Park, Langley Park, MD
97. Afghan Coalition, Fremont, CA
98. African Immigrant & Refugee Foundation (AIRF), Washington, DC
99. African Immigrants Social and Economic Development Agency (AISEDA) Inc, Fort Wayne, IN
100. African Mutual Assistance Association of Missouri (AMAAM), St. Louis, MO
101. African Services Committee, New York, NY
102. Agencia ALPHA, Boston, MA
103. AIDS Legal Council of Chicago
104. Albany Park Community Center, Citizenship Program, Chicago, IL
105. Alliance for Children and Families, Washington, DC
106. Alterna, LaGrange, GA
107. American Arab Forum, Paterson, NJ
108. Amigos Center, Fort Myers, FL
109. Arab American Action Network, Chicago, IL
110. Arab American Cultural & Community Center, Houston, Texas
111. Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS), Dearborn, MI
112. Arise Chicago
113. Asian American Community Services, Columbus, OH
114. Asian Americans United, Philadelphia, PA
115. Asian-American Small Business Association, Rolling Meadows, IL
116. Asian Counseling & Referral Service, Seattle, WA
117. Asian Human Services, Chicago, IL
118. Asian Law Alliance, San Jose, CA
119. Asian Law Caucus, San Francisco, CA
120. Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Los Angeles, California
121. Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center, Washington, DC

122. Asociacion Puertorriquenos in Marcha, Philadelphia, PA
123. Assoc. United Guatemalans of Lynn, MA
124. AzulaySeiden Law Group, Chicago, IL
125. BARCA, Inc., Edinburg, TX
126. Beardstown/Rushville Immigrant Famlies United, Beardstown/Rushville, Illinois
127. Berkshire Immigrant Center, Pittsfield, MA
128. Bernardine Franciscan Sisters, Reading, PA
129. Black Alliance for Just Immigration, Berkeley, CA
130. Border Action Network, Tucson, AZ
131. CAMBA, New York, NY
132. Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
133. CARECEN-N.Y. Central American Refugee Center, Hempstead, NY
134. CASA, Coalition of Amigos in Solidarity & Action, Brownsville, TX
135. Casa Familiar, Inc., San Ysidro, California
136. CASA Freehold, Freehold, NJ
137. Center for Family Life, Brooklyn, NY
138. Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) of Washington, DC
139. Central American Resource Center (CARECEN), Los Angeles, CA
140. Centro Campesino Inc, Owatonna, MN
141. Centro de la Familia, Colorado Springs, CO
142. Centro de Orientacion del Inmigrante Codi, Miami, FL
143. Centro de Trajabadores Unidos, Chicago, IL
144. Centro Legal de la Raza, Oakland, CA
145. Chicago Celts for Immigration Reform, Chicago, IL
146. Chicago Korean Chamber of Commerce, Chicago, IL
147. Chicago Workers' Collaborative, Chicago, IL ChildServ, Waukegan, IL
148. Chin-An Home Town Friends Association, Los Angeles, CA
149. Chinese American Service League, Chicago, IL
150. Chinese Mutual Aid Association, Chicago, IL
151. Chinese Progressive Association, New York, NY
152. CIME, Chicago, IL
153. Citizen Action/Illinois, Chicago, IL
154. City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission, Los Angeles, CA
155. Coalicion de Lideres Latinos (CLILA), Dalton, GA
156. Coalition for Asian American Children and Families, New York, NY
157. Coalition of Hispanic Organizations, Tulsa, OK
158. Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers, Brighton, MA
159. COFEM - Consejo de Federaciones Mexicanas, Los Angeles, CA
160. Colombia in Orlando, Orlando, FL
161. Comite Parada y Festival Centroamericano de NY, Hempstead, NY
162. Community to Community, Bellingham, WA
163. Comunidad Liberación/Liberation Community, Denver, CO
164. Comprehensive Korean Self Help Community Center, Chicago, IL
165. Conexion Americas, Nashville, TN
166. Council for the Spanish Speaking, Inc., Milwaukee, WI
167. Council for the Spanish Speaking/El Concilio, Stockton, CA
168. Digna Ochoa Center for Immigration Legal Assistance, Columbia, SC
169. District 214 Community Education, Arlington Heights, IL
170. Dominican Development Center, Roslindale, MA
171. EAC, Inc., Hempstead, NY
172. Eastmont Community Center, Los Angeles, CA

173. EEO 21, Feasterville, PA
174. El Centro de la Raza, Seattle, WA
175. El Comite de Longmont, Longmont, CO
176. El Pueblo, Biloxi, MS
177. El Pueblo, Inc., Raleigh, NC
178. Empire Justice Center, Albany, NY
179. Employee Rights Center, San Diego, CA
180. Enlace Chicago, Chicago, IL
181. Erie Neighborhood House, Chicago, IL
182. Ethiopian Community Association of Chicago, Chicago, IL
183. Family Focus Aurora, Aurora, IL
184. Farmworker Association of Florida, Apopka, FL
185. Farmworkers Self-Help, Dade City,, Florida
186. Federacion de Clubes Michoacanos en Illinos, Chicago, IL
187. Feliz for Mayor, Camden, NJ
188. Friendly House, Inc., Phoenix, AZ
189. Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights, Atlanta, GA
190. Georgia Rural Urban Summit, Decatur, GA
191. Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition, New York, NY
192. HACES, INC, Waukegan, IL
193. Haitian Citizen United Taskforce Inc., Lake Worth, FL
194. Haitian Neighborhood Center, Sant La, Miami, FL
195. Haitian Women of Miami, Inc. (FANM), Miami, FL
196. Hannuri Korean Cultural Troupe, Los Angeles, CA
197. Hanul Family Alliance, Mount Prospect, IL
198. Hispanic Coalition, Miami, FL
199. Hispanic Community Dialogue of Virginia, Virginia Beach, VA
200. Hispanic Health Coalition of Georgia, Inc. (HHCGA), Atlanta, GA
201. Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama, Birmingham, AL
202. Hispanic Women's Organization of Arkansas, Springdale, AR
203. Hispanic Women's Corporation, Phoenix, AZ
204. Hispanos en Orlando, Orlando, FL
205. Hmong Student Union, Davis, CA
206. HOLA (Hispanas Organizadas de Lake y Ashtabula), Ashtabula, OH
207. Honduran Unity - Unidad Hondurena, Miami, FL
208. Hudson Periantal Consortium, Jersey City, NJ
209. Hudson Valley Community Coalition, Cross River, NY
210. Human Agenda, San Jose, CA
211. Human Dignity Advocates of Crook County, Prineville, OR
212. Hunger for Justice, Denver, CO
213. Illinois Korean American Taekwondo Union, Round Lake Beach, IL
214. Immigrant Advocacy Project, Evanston, IL
215. Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota/Oficina Legal, St. Paul, MN
216. Immigrant Resource Center, Alamosa, CO
217. Immigration Advocacy Services, New York, NY
218. Immigration Clinic, U of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, MD
219. ImmigrationPAC, Chicago, IL
220. Indo-American Center, Chicago, IL
221. inMotion, Inc., New York, NY
222. Institute of Popular Education of Southern California (IDEPSCA), Los Angeles, CA
223. Instituto del Progreso Latino, Chicago, IL

224. Intercambio de Comunidades, Boulder, CO
225. Intercultural Dynamics Counseling and Social Services, Portland, OR
226. Interfaith Leadership Project, Cicero, IL
227. International Institute of New Jersey, Jersey City, NJ
228. International Institute of Rhode Island, Providence, RI
229. International Institute of the Bay Area, San Francisco, CA
230. IRATE & First Friends, Elizabeth, New Jersey
231. Irish Outreach San Diego, San Diego, CA
232. Japanese American Citizens League, Arizona Chapter, Scottsdale, AZ
233. Juan Neumann Center, Brooklyn, NY
234. Kentucky Equal Justice Center, Lexington, KY
235. Korean American Association of Chicago
236. Korean American Community Services, Chicago, IL
237. Korean American Resource and Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
238. Korean American Senior Association of Chicagoland, Chicago, IL
239. Korean American Women In Need, Des Plaines, IL
240. Korean Community Services, Inc., Buena Park, CA
241. Korean Cultural Center of Chicago
242. Korean Resource Center, Los Angeles, CA
243. La Casa de Amistad, South Bend, IN
244. La Fuente: New York Civic Participation Project and Long Island Civic Participation Project, New York, NY
245. La Union del Pueblo Entero, San Juan, TX
246. Laca International, Bronx, NY
247. Lao Association of Connecticut, West Hartford, CT
248. Lao Family Community of Fresno, Fresno, CA
249. Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center (El Paso), El Paso, TX
250. Latin America Taskforce Network, River Road UU Congregation, Bethesda, MD
251. Latin American Coalition, Charlotte, NC
252. Latin American Community Center, Wilmington, DE
253. Latina Initiative, Denver, Colorado
254. Latino Leadership, Orlando, FL
255. Latino Coalition for Prevention, Chicago, IL
256. Latinos Unidos para Cambio de CIOP, Bloomington, IL
257. Law Office of Mary L. Field, Oak Brook, IL
258. Law Offices of Hudson | May, LLC, Salem, OR
259. Lawrence Family Development & Education Fund, Inc. (LFDEF, Inc.), Lawrence, MA
260. LCLAA-Maine, South Portland, ME
261. League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) 761, Fayetteville, AR
262. Liberian Behavioral Health Services, Philadelphia, PA
263. Little Tokyo Service Center, Los Angeles, CA
264. Logan Square Neighborhood Association, Chicago, IL
265. Lomita Health Management Inc, Harbor City, CA
266. Long Island Immigrant Alliance, Amityville, NY
267. Los Pobres Inc., Avondale, CO
268. Make the Road New York, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, NY
269. MAPS, Lowell, MA
270. Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association (MVMA), Silver Spring, MD
271. Massachusetts Jobs with Justice, Boston, MA
272. McHenry County Latino Coalition, Woodstock, IL
273. MEChA, Carson, CA

274. MEChA, Wilmington, CA
275. Mexican American Catholic College, San Antonio, TX
276. Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Midwest Regional Office, Chicago, IL
277. Meyer, Knight & Williams, Houston, TX
278. Minnesota Literacy Council, St. Paul, MN
279. MUH ALAS, Hamilton, OH
280. Muslim Women Resource Center, Chicago, IL
281. Muslim Women's Institute for Research and Development, Bronx, NY
282. National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum, Los Angeles Chapter, Los Angeles, CA
283. Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition, Lexington, NE
284. New Immigrant Community Empowerment, Queens, NY
285. New York State Youth Leadership Council, New York, NY
286. NJ Action 21, Jersey City, NJ
287. Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights, New York, NY
288. Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation, New York, NY
289. Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, Seattle, WA
290. OCA-South Florida Chapter, Miami, FL
291. Ohio Hispanic Coalition, Columbus, OH
292. OHLA - Org. of Hispanic/Latin Americans of Anne Arundel County, Annapolis, MD
293. Omo Obatala Egbe, Inc., Brooklyn, NY
294. ONE Lowell, Lowell, MA
295. Paso del Norte Civil Rights Project, El Paso, TX
296. Pathways to Work, Morristown, NJ
297. Peace Commission of Sacred Heart/St. Dominic Church, Portland, ME
298. Pharr Community Outreach Project/Shalom, Pharr, TX
299. Phi Iota Alpha -University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
300. Philippine American Bar Association of Los Angeles, South Pasadena, CA
301. Poder Learning Center, Chicago, IL
302. Polish American Association, Chicago, IL
303. Polish Initiative of Chicago, Chicago, IL
304. Prince George's Justice & Advocacy Council, Prince George's County, MD
305. Progreso Hispano, Alexandria, VA
306. Progressive Jewish Alliance, Los Angeles/SF Bay Area, CA
307. Proyecto Azteca, San Juan, TX
308. Proyecto Juan Diego, Inc., Brownsville, TX
309. PUP, Carson, CA
310. Refugee Immigration Project, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Jacksonville, FL
311. Riverside Language Program, New York City, NY
312. Rock Valley College, Rockford, IL
313. SER de New Mexico, Inc., Albuquerque, NM
314. Service Employees International Union Local 1, Chicago, IL
315. Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN), San Jose, CA
316. Shirlington Employment and Education Center, Inc, Arlington, VA
317. Si Se Puede Latino Democratic Caucus, Las Vegas, NV
318. Somali Center of Nashville, Nashville, TN
319. South Asian Americans Leading Together, Takoma Park, MD
320. South Texas Immigration Council, Harlingen, TX
321. South-East Asia Center, Chicago, IL
322. Southwest Organizing Project, Chicago, IL
323. Spanish Speaking Citizens' Foundation, Oakland, CA
324. Spanish Speaking Unity Council, Oakland, CA

325. Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning, Denver, CO
326. Sudanese Community & Women's Services Center, Nashville, TN
327. T.L.C. Limo, Inc., Wheeling, IL
328. Teal Consulting, Port Townsend, WA
329. Tenants and Workers United, Virginia
330. The Immigration Project, Bloomington, IL
331. The Juan Neumann Center, Brooklyn, NY
332. The Spanish American Committee, Cleveland, OH
333. Treat Me Right Inc., New York, NY
334. Unite for Dignity, Inc., Miami, FL
335. United Chinese Association of Florida (UCAF), Miami, FL
336. United Hispanic-Americans, Inc., Fort Wayne, IN
337. United Passaic Organization, Passaic, NJ
338. Universidad Popular, Chicago, IL
339. USCRI Albany, Albany, NY
340. Valle del Sol, Phoenix, AZ
341. Vietnamese American Young Leaders Association of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA
342. Vietnamese Association of Illinois, Chicago, IL
343. Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations, Arlington, VA
344. Voices for Justice, Palm Bay, FL
345. Washington Defender Association's Immigration Project, Seattle, WA
346. Watts/Century Latino Organization, Los Angeles, CA
347. Weintraub Consulting, Amherst, MA
348. Westside Community Action Network, Kansas City, MO
349. Wisconsin Legalization Coalition, Milwaukee, WI
350. Women Watch Afrika, Inc., Decatur, GA
351. World Relief - Chicago, Chicago, IL
352. Yakima Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Yakima, WA
353. YKASEC - Empowering the Korean American Community, Flushing, NY
354. Yoruba Society of Brooklyn, Inc., Brooklyn, NY
355. Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley, Ottawa, IL
356. YWCA, Tulsa, OK
357. YWCA Fort Worth & Tarrant County, Fort Worth, TX
358. YWCA of San Antonio, San Antonio, TX