

Subject: Objection to Extension of Residence Requirement for Citizenship

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to express my concern regarding the extension of the residence requirement for naturalization from five to ten years. As an electrical engineer living and working in the Netherlands, this change has a negative impact on my life in several ways.

It prolongs uncertainty and limits my ability to plan for my career and family. It creates barriers to full participation in society despite my contributions through work, taxes, and integration. It also weakens fairness by treating long-term, law-abiding residents unequally. Additionally, this policy risks discouraging skilled professionals from remaining in or coming to the Netherlands, which could harm the country's competitiveness in critical sectors such as engineering and technology.

I respectfully urge the government to reconsider this policy to support fairness, integration, and the retention of talent that strengthens Dutch society.

Yours faithfully,

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