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My husband and I are currently waiting to adopt a child from China. When we began the process, we were informed that there was a 12 month wait after submitting your dossier. Currently, the wait time for a child has grown to 18 months, is steadily increasing, and predicted to be at least 24 months soon. This means that we will need to renew our application to adopt (I-600A) and fingerprints at least once before traveling to China.

Adoption is expensive enough already, and it is unconscionable to raise fees by up to 66% for adoption related petitions. I urge you to reconsider this proposed regulation. Many people are struggling now to come up with the funds to adopt and this will only increase their burden. Adoption is a wonderful thing and the government should not make it more costly than it needs to be by increasing fees up to 66%.