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As the friend of a prospective adoptive parent, I am extremely concerned by the proposed fee increases by USCIS as they relate to international adoption.

Probably half of all international adoptions take two years from start to finish. With the I600a expiring in 18 months and the fingerprints expiring after only 15 months, this would result in many prospective adoptive parents having to pay those fees twice. This would mean a \$250 increase for the I600a for these potential adoptive parents. The fingerprints will cost people \$160, not just \$80, because the USCIS requires parents to be re-fingerprinted, instead of using the original set fingerprints for the second investigation. The result of these fees is the USCIS is in essence pressuring prospective adopters to choose the "faster" programs over those that may be more established, stable and ethical.

I am strongly opposed to the increase in these fees.

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