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Re: Adjustment of the Immigration Benefit Application/ Petition and Biometric Fee Schedule

As a single mother of two boys adopted from Vietnam, I am very disappointed to hear that filing fees will be increasing and am shocked at the rate increase. This increase will seriously affect many families who plan to adopt and the children who wait to be adopted. Adoption expenses are already incredibly high and an increase such as this could deter many parents and children from becoming families. In some cases, this increase could be the final end in the adoption process as many would be parents simply can not afford the adoption costs which include filing fees as well as the costs of raising a child.

I adopted my first son in 1994. If I am correct the fee for the I-600/600A Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative was \$180. Now is it \$ 545 and could be raised to \$ 670. This is absurd! I want to adopt again, but what may stand in my way is the \$25,000 adoption costs. Adding another penny to these costs could prevent me from finding the child that waits for me in Vietnam. It would affect all of our lives.

Please do not increase the fees for adoption-related petitions. Please do not jeopardize the lives of the many children who can be adopted by Americans and the parents who long for the child to come into their families.

Most sincerely,

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