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I would like to comment on the following portions of this proposal:

I-600/600A
Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative
\$ 545
\$ 670

N-565
Application for Replacement of Certificate of Citizenship (used for name changes)
\$ 220
\$ 380

N-600
Application for Certificate of Citizenship
\$ 255
\$ 460

Biometric Services (fingerprints)
\$ 70
\$ 80

As an adoptive parent, I am very concerned about the large increases in fees here (approximately a 69% increase). Adoption is already very expensive and quite a financial strain for many families. These increases will make that less affordable for many people. While our government does promote adoption with the tax credit, these fee increases go the opposite direction. With international adoptions costing approximately \$15k-35k, every little bit makes a difference. Please reconsider and not raise these fees.

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