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Subject: Docket # USCIS 2006-0044: Comments

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this note to voice my objection to the raising of fees for the processing of USCIS forms. I understand the cost of processing documents, however I do not agree that this increase is fair, that the additional expense doesn't address the process enhancements that could be made, and does not delivery any better service for the fees provided.

In addition to my belief that the fee increase is unfair due to the inefficiencies in the process, I also believe it to be an unfair burden on the requestors. The people who largely require these forms have limited funds for this type of expense. In our case, the cost of adopting children is extremely high to begin with. Increasing the cost of USCIS processing will negatively impact the ability of many families to afford adoptions; some may be more discouraged and give up, others will take longer to get the additional expenses covered. In all of these cases the ones who suffer most are children.

The IRS service has improved dramatically over the past several years; their website is great and the severices are timely and greatly more accurate and consistent. The Social Security website is also very helpul, beneficial, and user friendly. However, the USCIS website is modestly beneficial and still has contradicions (ie receiving checks vs. money orders). Also, the inability to speak with a person at the regional offices is very negative. I find this level of service to be difficult to accept and do not want to provide add'l funds to support it. There are technology and management/process improvements that need to be evaluated for cost reductions before there should be any increase in fee's.

Additonal fee increases create an undue financial burdern on my family in our pursuit of international adoptions. We know of many hopeful adoptive families that will also be negatively impacted by the proposed fee increases.

Please do not increase the USCIS forms processing fees.

Respectfully,

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