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Subject: [Docket No: USCIS-2006-0044];[FR Doc: E7-01631];[Page 4887-4915]; Immigration: Benefit application fee schedule adjustment

I am writing to protest the proposed rate increase for immigration documents and the Certificate of Citizenship. As an adoptive parent, I find these fees to be way too high for the service provided. How long does it take one case worker to review the documents we submit? Even if it took an hour, the proposed fee would be a ridiculous amount of money to pay someone to review documents and send out an approval letter to a family adopting a child. Even if it takes two hours, the fee is already way too high. And as for the new fee for the Certificate of Citizenship--the new fee would be 120% higher than the current fee. How is this justifiable? Can you guarantee quicker and better service? I've seen this fee rise before, and it hasn't resulted in any improvements. Plus, this document is now given out free of charge to families who have brought their children here since 2004. Why should those of us who adopted before 2004 have to pay a huge fee for a document others get free? I object to any increase in fees as proposed in Docket no. USCIS-2006-0044. Sincerely,
Sandee McAlpine, adoptive parent