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"Adoptive Parent -Cecilia Gray"

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a parent who is waiting for my little girl from China. And with the increased wait time, we are seeing the reality of having to renew our documents with the USCIS because our paperwork is expiring. I feel that it is unfair to adoptive families to have to renew our I-171H and our fingerprints because of the wait time increasing in China. In all reality a person's fingerprints do not change after they are fingerprinted. So why is it necessary to waste your time and mine to get re-fingerprinted? I hope that you can keep the fees where they are until we (adoptive parents) can be granted the opportunity to extend the validity of our I-171H & fingerprints with the bill trying to be passed in Congress right now. Once the expiration is extended for these two important parts of our process, then we won't have to be renewing both of them a second and sometimes a third time. Overall it is more costly for everyone involved.

Please hear all those adoptive parents out there and their pleas for the fees to stay the same. With the wait time increasing, that puts more costs to the family for their adoption expenses. Adoption still needs to be a wonderful alternative to those who cannot have children. The more expensive it gets, the less families there will be to adopt those children who do not have a family or a home. Please keep our costs down so we can bring those children home to wonderful families.

Sincerely,
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