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Dear Madam, Sir,

I wish to raise my voice in protest to the proposed increase in the processing fees for orphan petitions. As I understand it, the fees are to increase as follows:

I-600/600A

Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative

From: \$ 545

To: \$ 670

I am currently in the process of readying myself for an adoption and have already filed my I-600A, so I will not be affected by the proposed changes. Nevertheless, this increase in fees, to my mind, is irresponsible and family hostile. Adoption is a very taxing process and tremendously expensive to boot. Your proposed change in fees represents an increase of more than 20%, which is unconscionable in that it significantly adds to the financial hardships prospective adoptive parents already face. Adoptive parents need support, not a callous assault on their pocketbooks. Many adoptive parents go into debt in order to pursue their dream of building a new family. The proposed fee increase will only add to the financial burden, and if anything, our government should not be in the business of threatening the financial security of aspiring families.

I urge you to refrain from implementing the fee change.

Thank you for your attention.

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