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To Whom It May Concern:

Please do not raise the adoption fees. Per below.

Thank You,

Hadley Stack

Dear Families,

We wanted to make you aware that the USCIS is currently set to increase their fees. On February 1, 2007, USCIS published a Notice of Proposed Rule Making in the Federal Register that would raise filing fees, including those associated with international adoption. The proposed rule is subject to a 60-day comment period that ends on April 2, 2007. At the end of the comment period, USCIS will review and consider the comments it has received on its proposed rule. USCIS will then send its final proposal to the Office of Management and Budget for review. The OMB will make a final decision on the fee increase and issue the final rule. This would affect the overall total cost of your adoption by several hundred dollars. But you have an opportunity to voice your concern over this to them by April 2nd! This fee increase could be in effect as early as June 2007. For more information on the fee increase visit:

<http://www.uscis.gov/files/native/documents/ProposedRule.pdf>

The fee increases associated with international adoption are as follows:

- *N-600 fee will go from \$255 to \$420
- *I-600A Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative fee will go from \$545 to \$670
- *N-565 Application for Replacement of Certificate of Citizenship (used for name changes) will go from \$220 to \$380
- *Biometric Services (fingerprints) will go from \$70 per person to \$80 per person

It is crucial that you make your voice heard in order to keep the cost of international adoption from increasing unnecessarily. Comments must be received by **April 2, 2007, and must reference the agency name (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services), as well as the docket number (USCIS-2006- 0044)**. Comments may be submitted at <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main>, the Federal eRulemaking Portal, or via mail or courier, in hardcopy, disk, or CD-ROM form to:

Director, Management Division
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security
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Washington D.C. 20529
Please make your voice heard on this subject!

God Bless,

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