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To: OSComments
Subject: USCIS-2006-0044-0001

Dear sir or madame:

I am writing to comment on the proposed fee schedule changes at the Department of Homeland Security, US Citizenship and Immigration Services as they relate to adoption fees. As the future adoptive mother of an Ethiopian orphan I have worked extra hours, taken a home equity loan on my home and budgeted very carefully to be able to afford to bring my daughter, who currently resides in an underfunded orphanage in Ethiopia, into a better life in the US. Adoptive families wait many months (and sometimes years) for their children and in the process endure great financial and emotional stress. The adoption tax credit was created to make adoption within the means of average American families. Raising the fees we must pay to make the creation of our families legal reduces the impact of the tax credit & once again makes adoption an option exclusively for the wealthy. Please do not penalize families who have worked so hard & suffered so much to have the family so many Americans take for granted.

Sincerely,
Alison Aucoin