

From: CiaoMyLove@aol.com [mailto:CiaoMyLove@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2007 7:25 AM
To: OSComments
Subject: DHS Docket No. USCIS- 2006-0044

I am deeply, DEEPLY opposed to these fee increases. People who have adopted children from overseas have already spent incredible amounts of money on their adoption and related travel expenses etc. When the adopted child of an American citizen sets foot on American soil, we are told, that child becomes a citizen automatically. BUT we are asked to pay exorbitant fees for the "certificate" which is proof of that citizenship? It is cruel and unusual punishment to inflict this upon a usually already financially strapped family.

In the case of our own situation, our adoption took place during the summer of 2003; our children arrived in August of 2003 to take up permanent residency in the US; this was less than six months before the "certificate of citizenship" became automatic for children who qualified. It would have been really nice if there had been a "grace period" of, say, six months, so that children who arrived during that time frame could have received their certificates retroactively. However if we wish to have our two children receive that certificate, we are expected to pay a tremendous amount of money (TIMES TWO!!!) for each certificate (we adopted TWO children). Our children have been home over 3-1/2 years now, and we have still not been able to afford the two certificates as it is. Yet now it is proposed that this and a number of other fees are to be raised??? I implore you to reconsider!!!

sincerely, gail shulman, mother of one homegrown American citizen age 15, and two adopted "imported" American citizens, ages 14 and 12-1/2.

Shulman family
of Chagrin Falls Ohio

See what's free at [AOL.com](https://www.aol.com).