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Dear Powers that Be

I call you that, because you really do have the power in this situation, your decision, vote and or recommendation. Is crucial and effects peoples lives, I know this is one of many letters you will receive from people who you are about to raise prices on, and when people use words like Fees and prices it brings everything down to a WAL MART Level taking out the emotion involved in this issue, and making it about money.

Understand that this is not about fees, or any kind of commerce I know this what you wrestle with the bottom line and balanceing budgets, but what is really at stake is Family. I have heard politically on TV and the newspaper everyone throws around words like Family Values of the importance of family by even considering raising the fees you purpose in fact keeps family separated, separated by Finance. Which ultimately is a poor reason to keep families shut down.

Your first response to what I have said so far would be in the realm of he is just upset at paying more money and of course he would say all this and to that I would say money is an issue but really, to us its one of many hurtles, that keeps pushing us further and further away of being a whole family, because the pain and loneliness that comes from an incomplete family can not be measured in funds, because you see if you raise the fees to unreachable heights, we will in turn do anything it takes to raise the money to complete our home, we would put ourselves in financial risk in order to fund the hope that Love Offers through the love of a child. Yes you will feed your bottom line but it will only complicate an already unbearably long wait to fulfill the Hope in Love.

What you may have not considered is those of us who cant have children and what that means to us spiritually and physically. We are scrutinized to the highest degrees in this Adoption process, finger printed, background searched, multiple paperwork that is all tied to some fee, and we have to endure the probe of our background what we did as teenagers, how our home looks, and finally a social worker meets with us multiple times to study if we will be fit parents, measures not shared by people who are fertile.

All that may seem reasonable to you for anyone wanting to be a parent, but I will say that only ADOPTIONS are required to go through such investigations and expense to prove our worthiness to parent a child. I was flipping through the channels this week on my spring break and I watched about three minutes of Jerry Springer, and what I saw where people who had little to no regard for family let alone children, these people were granted the right to bare children, without the state departments involvement, without one single piece of paper signed, no home study to prove they were ready or capable to be parents. They were given this right even as one woman did not want the right. Just because she was fertile. And the price to bare her child would be passed to the Taxpayer, and not to her or her family, the state gladly granted her the ability and expense without any questions as too whether she could Raise a child.

I grew up in a home where my father did not want to be a father let alone have children, this man should have been required to go threw some type of screening before he had kids, but he did not. If you raise these fees you are in fact punishing people who have

applied and been approved to parent children by standards you your selfs may never have to achieve. Please make the right choice as it is yours to make and in your hands to Bless Families who both want need, and already are being put through years of waiting to be granted the ability to Parent a child, and Love a child.

The Fees increase will only complicate an already complicated process.

Much Thanks

Future father of Mady Lewis (child in China)

Michael Lewis