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A am sending this e-mail to express my deep concern for the USCIS proposed plan for adjustment of the immigration and naturalization benefit application and petition fee schedule. My concern is specifically for the fees that will be increased that relate to international adoption. I am in the process of adopting a child from China, but the proposed rate increase of almost 66% will make it very difficult, if not impossible, for many families to adopt. Because many countries are taking longer to complete the adoption than the fingerprints and 171-H are valid, I must have these renewed, which causes me to have to pay the fees twice. It is already difficult for families to pay for these fees twice, but with the proposed increases many families may no longer be able to afford to adopt, and many children around the world may never find a forever home. A home is something that every child deserves to have. I ask you to please reconsider raising these fees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Erica Gilday