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Subject: [Docket No: USCIS-2006-0044];[FR Doc: E7-01631];[Page 4887-4915]; Immigration: Benefit application fee schedule adjustment

Dear USCIS:

In reviewing the proposed fee schedule, I notice that the agency did not take into consideration the fact that now all I-130 visa applications have to go through the less efficient US offices. With the changes from the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act to all ages of I-130 applicant beneficiaries, can no longer submit our applications at US consulates even if we are residing outside of the US.

As noted in your assessment, 85% of the I-130 applications are adjudicated in agency locations. I also know that until the rule change the expected wait in Japan 2.5 months instead of the 6+ months at your US offices. The plan for raising fees shows no efforts to address this increase in volume to your US offices. It would be acceptable to raise rates if the service was expected to improve, but the USCIS does not expect to show improvement in the immediate future without even taking into account the changes in I-130 processing locations.

I am very disappointed in the sudden changes required by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act to the I-130 processing and even more disappointed in the USCIS' failure to address this huge issue.

Thanks,

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