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**Subject:** USCIS-2006-0044-0001

To whom it may concern,

I represent no state or federal agency but file this comment as U.S. citizen residing in the state of Missouri in opposition of docket USCIS-2006-0044.

My wife and I are currently persuing an international adoption and docket USCIS-2006- 0044 places undue financial constraints upon our adoption process.

My wife and I applied for and recieved a I-600A form from USCIS at a cost of \$695.00. This vital document in the adoption process expires after 15 months and then must be renewed. According to the Proposed Rule mentioned above, current processing time for an I-600A document is 3.39 months.

The current 15 month period in which the I-600A document is valid simply does not work for citizens persuing internation adoption in the light that international adoptions, China in this case) are now taking 17 months. Obviously this is longer than the 15 months the I-600A document is valid.

Now comes proposal, USCIS-2006- 0044, which will raise the fees associated for acquiring an I-600A document which places more more financial burdens on us in our adoption process. It's bad enough that the I-600A form cost \$695, and even worse that the form is not valid throughout the entire adoption process. Especially in the light that foreign countries can lengthen the waiting time for prospective couples to adopt children.

USCIS-2006- 0044 aims at increasing the costs associated with our adoption process. While I understand the need to increase the cost, I am more opposed, because this proposal will increase the total outlay of fees I must pay by more than two fold.

If you're going to increase the fees, please pass legislation that extends the life of the I-600A form beyond the current limitation of fifteen months and all those holding current I-600A forms to be grandfathered into the legislation. I-600A forms should be valid for the entire duration of the process for individuals pursuing adoptions.

Sincerely,  
Brad and Kim Beckenhauer

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