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I'd like to go on the record opposing the increases in various adoption and citizenship-related filing fees at DHS. International adoption is expensive enough that increasing these fees makes it even more difficult for already over-burdened parents. In addition, acquiring a birth certificate in the US probably costs, at most, \$15/\$20 per copy. Forcing parents to pay over \$200 for a certificate of citizenship is ridiculous enough but increasing it to well over \$400 is unbelievable. I have four international adopted children. Is it reasonable to think I actually have \$1840 to pay for certificates? That's absurd. I paid several hundred dollars in fees to then INS for the paperwork to bring my children into this country and now to have to pay almost \$2,000 for certificates of citizenship is ridiculous. Not only that, but the service provided by DHS in processing these form is very, very poor. I strongly oppose the increase in these fees and hope you reconsider this proposed rule. At the very least, you should exempt American families who've adopted these children from the fees.

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