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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to Docket No: USCIS-2006-0044, the proposal to increase fees on international adoption. I am an adoptive parent and am currently in the process of adopting our second child from China. We have endured a lengthy process that only continues to grow.

Our fingerprinting for our current adoption expires in May 2007, while our I171-H expires in August. This unfortunately has not allowed enough time for us to complete our adoption. The process to adopt from China has grown from 7 months when we started the process in October 2005 to a current 17-18 months. We are still several months from completing our adoption. This is not a fault of our own, it is simply the way adoptions from China are currently.

By raising fees, we are essentially being charged twice while only receiving one service. This is a great hardship for the many of us who have gotten stuck in the system. International adoption is very expensive and we've jumped through all the hoops that you've set for us without complaint. This however is frustrating and wrong. I have also lobbied to extend the expiration dates on these crucial forms, there must be changes made. There are millions of babies out there without families and by doing this you only keep them from families that much longer.

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