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Hi -

I just wanted to make a quick comment about the increasing adoption fees. I understand that, over time, costs increase for everything, and if this were a small increase I probably wouldn't feel as I do. But the USCIS fees for adoptions have been increasing MUCH faster than the cost of living. This is particularly true since many adoptive families must now pay the fees twice, due to increased adoption wait times and the time limits on the documents.

Would you please:

1. Reconsider the fee increases and either reduce or eliminate the increases related to adoption. It is difficult and expensive to adopt, yet the benefits to society of having these children in happy families (instead of orphanages or, worse, on the streets or in terrorist training camps that will feed them) are enormous.
2. If fees must be increased due to increased costs, please consider changing the expiration policy for these documents. The risk to homeland security of adopting a child is considerably less than the risk associated with immigration of adults. Do the documents really need to expire so soon (with fingerprints expiring even sooner)?

Thank you for your consideration of my requests.

Regards,
Barbara Rayle

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