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Subject: Docket: USCIS-2006-0044

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Regarding Docket USCIS-2006-0044 proposes to increase international adoption fees by about 66%. It appears to be an overly zealous effort to use economics as a barrier to international adoptions. I beg you to reconsider such an action. There are children whose lives are in jeopardy- right now - and who are waiting to be rescued by loving and caring parents in the United States.

If it becomes necessary, for some justifiable reason, to increase application and processing fees, then do so. However, those who have previously paid for application and processing fees should not be subjected to a "double charge" for a single process. That, I am afraid, is a dubious exploitation of a delicate situation where American citizens are, literally, at the mercy of a government agency. Being at the mercy of your agency can make sense only if mercy is to be found among you.

American families reaching out to make a difference in the world should be supported by their government, not discouraged. Furthermore, raising fees by 66% and double-billing those who have already applied and paid sends a rather ominous message: "WE DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT CHILDREN." Somehow, that seems to conflict with the declared philosophy of our nation.

To do the right thing, use your knowledge and authority to protect American people from being gouged the first time around and/or double-billed when a law change pulls the carpet out from under them. I pray that I can trust your deep and abiding love for the United States of America to guide you wisely on this matter.

Thank you,

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cc: (Separately) US Sen Arlen Specter, Diane Feinstein, Barbara Boxer, Charles Schumer, Orin Hatch,
and US Reps Joe Sestak, Nancy Pelosi

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