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Benefit application fee schedule adjustment

I am writing to voice opposition to the proposed increases in USCIS fees for adoption. I am a United States citizen currently in the process of adopting a child from another country. My husband and I have been saving for years so we can start a family in this way. The current costs of adoption, whether domestic or international, run generally \$20,000-\$30,000 per child. This is a great financial burden for families like ours who cannot biologically bear children of our own. Any fee increases will further burden an already costly process, and will make adoption prohibitively expensive for many families. Please reconsider these fee increases.