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International Adoption costs continue to rise as the costs of travel and increase in documents, postage and International doctor exam fees continue have gone up. With the current accrediting process coming into place, more fees will be incurred in the next few years which will ultimately affect the cost increases to prospective families.

We work so hard and give so much to help children find a permanent and loving home, please reconsider how this price increase will affect so many people who are already scraping for the money to complete an International Adoption.

The media has been very negative on Guatemala recently and fails to mention all the above board agencies and successful placements. They seem to forget that teenage children with successful adoptions from Guatemala live in our neighborhoods and read the papers. We need to advocate for the adoptive families, instead of against them.

Your consideration in eliminating this increase is greatly appreciated,  
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