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To: OSComments
Subject: DHS Docket No. USCIS- 2006-0044

Dear Regulatory Management Division,

After much consideration and prayer, my husband and I made our decision to adopt a baby from China, back in January of 2006. We worked as quickly as was humanly possible, and finally submitted our paperwork to China on 7/28/06. Although we were told the wait time would be approximately 12 months, we are now looking at the possibility of waiting up to 17 months, or longer. Was this our fault? No, however, we are now faced with having to update our "expiring" documentation, which includes paying hefty fees all over again. I know China is doing their best to process our paperwork quickly and match us with a baby, but it is our own government that seems to be working against us. I'm still trying to understand how it is that our fingerprints could expire after a year?! Anyway, I'm sending this to you and asking, respectfully, please don't increase the fees as outlined in this proposal. It is completely out of our control to be this delayed, which is already a painful realization for us, so please don't punish us further by stretching our financial limitations as well.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,
Heather & Tray Halverson

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