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To whom it may concern:

I am writing today to register a comment about the proposed fee increase for many USCIS petitions and applications. I am particularly concerned about the enormous fee increase -on top of an already high fee - for the I600 & I600A - Orphan Petition and Advanced Orphan Petition. The fee for the I600 & I600A are already amongst the highest charged by USCIS. Additionally - the nature of international adoption is such that many, if not most, families are required to submit renewal applications at least once during the whole process of waiting for a child to come home. This is a heavy burden on many families financially. Adopting internationally is already quite expensive and while no one disputes the US government's right to impose some reasonable fee for determining a family's suitability to adopt there should be some consideration that these families are already spending a significant amount of money and then to have to spend it again.. well that does not seem reasonable. We filed our most recent I600 this year spending \$685.00 for two adults to be fingerprinted and we may actually have to do this up to two more times as the wait times for adoptions from China are upwards of 3 years at the moment. That just seems unreasonable.

I could imagine if a I600/I600A and the resulting 171H 793C lasted until the adoption was complete - that is not having to refingerprint in 15 months and refile the I600 in 18 months an increase as the one you suggest would be acceptable - but as it is it is double dipping into the same pot and that seems distinctly unfair.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and if you would like further information or clarification - please do not hesitate to contact me.

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One child home from China 3/2006 and another on the way in the next three years!