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To whom it may concern:

My husband and I are US citizens in the process of international adoption from Vietnam and China. The proposed fee increase will cause unnecessary financial hardship at a time when we are already facing increased debt for wanting to help an orphan.

Wait times for referrals for international adoptions are taking much longer. We will have to completely refile for a new I-171H *at least once* for China and *possibly a second time* for Vietnam as well. I have long been in favor of increasing the timeline for the I-171H, and that has yet to happen. Increasing the fees, *with no increase in services*, only adds insult to injury.

What it used to cost to file for an I-171H:

I600A: \$545

Fingerprints: $\$70 \times 2 = \140

Total: \$685

What it will be now that adoptions are taking longer plus the increase:

I600A: $\$670 \times 2 = \1340

Fingerprints: $\$80 \times 4 = \320

Total: \$1660

That's an increase of \$975 or over 140%! This is unacceptable. Please reconsider the fee increase, and increase the length of time for which the I-171H is valid.

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