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To Whom It May Concern:

Respectfully, I ask that you reconsider increasing fees for the filing of these documents.

There are many fees involved in international adoption and those of us who want to be the parents of children from other countries go to great lengths to acquire the monies needed. We have borrowed money from family, friends, and even credit card companies. Some people will even borrow against the equity in their homes.

Most couples or individuals who adopt do so because they have fertility issues. Before beginning the adoption process, the majority of the people will go through extensive fertility tests, most of which are not paid for by insurance.

The reason my husband and I are adopting are two-fold: premature menopause and infertility due to chemotherapy. There are a lot of people who have gone through similar circumstances.

Increasing fees will be an extra burden to those of us patiently completing a great amount of paperwork and then waiting for months to finally be allowed to adopt. Please help us by not increasing these fees.

Sincerely,
Bridget Hollan-Tu
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