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I am currently adopting from China. My husband and I have paid our fees to USCIS and have been granted permission to adopt internationally. Because the time line to adopt from China is so lengthy, we will have to re-do our application I600A so we remain current with our documentation.

I agree that USCIS IT systems seem outdated, I mean, How On Earth can our FINGERPRINTS expire? Why would we have to go through fingerprinting again? If your new plan of bringing USCIS into the 21st Century includes storing that data in such a way that it doesn't expire, then I agree with the fees. However, we are not thrilled about having to re-do our application (and pay the SAME fees all over again) because the time limit on the 171H expires, simply because the USCIS can't store all of the information, especially when our circumstances haven't changed.

I read the FAQs on-line and I didn't see anywhere about the update to the biometric information, especially no mention of the storage of that information. It is unbelievable to me that we will have to pay the increased fee in order to remain current. All the initial work was done and approved, why should we have to be re-approved at the same cost (now increasing), after such a short time frame (the 171H is only valid for 18 months).

I hope to see this issue addressed somewhere soon. It just doesn't seem right.
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