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

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my disapproval of the proposed adjustment of the Immigration Benefit Application/ Petition and Biometric Fee Schedule. I am the parent of 4 children. All of whom were adopted internationally. We are also in the process of adopting again. The current fees for bringing our children home to the US are already over-inflated for services that are poor and inefficient. The increases are also obviously discriminatory in nature. If one wants to change a name on a passport it is free. If one wants to change a name on a social security card it is free. If one wants to change the name on a certificate of citizenship, the cost is \$380!! For a simple piece of paper. Why do our children who are US citizens receive such discrimination?

This same type of discrimination is apparent with the I600a and fingerprinting fees. Many international adoptions take two years to complete. With the I600a expiring in 18 months and the fingerprints expiring after only 15 months, that means many adoptive parents will have to pay those fees twice. That means it's not \$125 increase for the I600a, but really a \$250 increase. And the fingerprints will cost people \$160, not just \$80. We will be experiencing this with our current adoption. It took our inefficient USCIS office 3 months to process our I-600a application, causing our fingerprints to expire before we will be able to complete our adoption. So we will be forced to pay those fees and be fingerprinted again...even though we are the same people with the same fingers as when we started. It is also possible that our I171h will expire before our adoption is complete causing us to re-apply for our I600a and pay those extravagant fees all over again.

International adoptions total approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000 per child adopted. The ever increasing fees make it more and more difficult for the average family to grow their families by adoption and provide homes for the children who languish in orphanages. I urge you to reconsider the proposed fee increases.

Sincerely,

Molly Butler