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Thank you for hearing my statements regarding fee increases on immigration/adoption expenses.

After reviewing the explanations and reasoning behind your desire to raise fees I have a few comments that I think are worth airing.

First, I see that the workload has decreased rather than increased. In the rest of America, private and business, when work decreases we lay employees off or cut back in other areas. This might be the best approach for the government as well instead of paying people for doing less or no work.

Second, I have no problem increasing fees in a reasonable fashion, if necessary, but to increase an average of 66% is ridiculous; especially when there is less work to be done. When it comes to those of us who are adopting children, the costs are already enormous, coming up with additional monies to pay these types of increases is going to be an inordinate burden and stress on not only the adults but will reduce the amount we have to spend on our children, such as health care and insurance. So instead of adopting a whole new social program like "Hillary care" why don't we just keep fees reasonable and let us take care of our own business.

I also have a suggestion. Since there is less work to be done at CIS, why don't you transfer some of the workers down to the Mexican border to fill the vacancies left by our agents who are now in jail for doing their jobs...if anyone is willing to go to work for a country who elevates criminals over its law enforcement heroes.

Sincerely,

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