

To Whom It May Concern:

I read with great interest the information in the above mentioned docket for the proposed petition for fee increases. We are the adoptive parents of 3 Chinese children soon to be 4 so we have used the services of INS now USCIS to complete these adoptions. We STRONGLY oppose fee increases for the I-600a and the N-600 certificates. We have used the services of INS/USCIS Baltimore in 1999, 2002, 2005 and just recently last month for our current adoption. The services we have received have always been sadly very poor. We have submitted our I-600a applications in person at the Baltimore office for 3 of our 4 adoptions. From the security people that check you in the building to the staff that takes your application, the employees have always been rude and in no hurry to assist their customers and it was no different last month. For our adoption in 2005, our home study was lost twice delaying our child's entry into the United States. We have found that you have to call the office handling the Orphan Petitions (if you are able to get a phone number and point of contact) to stay on top of things since the mail system is helter skelter and again they seem to be in no hurry either. With this kind of service we see no valid reason to increase these fees. The vast majority of families adopting children internationally are regular middle class people as we are who are scrimping and saving to make adoption a reality. The I-600a has the highest fee currently and with such poor service, we see no reason to increase these fees. Give adoptive parents a break and leave the fees alone. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
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