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This letter is in response to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service memo USCIS-2006-0044 the proposal to raise the filing fees for adoption related petitions by an average of 66%. The fees for adoption are exorbitant enough without raising fees between \$125 + \$205. In addition the I 600A + fingerprinting fees will need to be paid twice, by most families, as approval expires prior to receiving referrals for our children.

As adoptive parents all we are looking to do is build a family and give a child a home. It is Unconscionable that our own government is proposing to raise fees to such a degree that will be prohibitive for some families and a financial burden for others just to provide a home and family to a child in need. Please reconsider such an extreme increase in fees for the adoption petitions.

Respectfully,

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