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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you in regards to the above referenced "Adjustment of the Immigration Benefit Application/Petition and Biometric Fee Schedule" also known as Docket ID USCIS-2006-0044.

For those of us who are looking to adopt our children, this increase in fees is not only distressing, but also disheartening. The cost of domestic and international adoption runs well into the thousands of dollars and most families already have to scrimp and save to be able to afford it. Some even refinance their homes and take out loans to bring their child home.

Simply put, adoption is expensive enough already and it is unconscionable to raise fees by up to 66% for adoption-related petitions. Please listen to the heart of this mother and don't make it any harder for children to find their forever families.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Austin