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To Whom It May Concern:

This is in regards to the increased fees as proposed by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. I want to express my concern as a parent who is in the process of adopting internationally. While I understand that some increase in fees may be necessary to meet budget needs, the proposed fee increases seem excessive. While many things in life are a luxury and for one's own benefit, adopting internationally is not a luxury. It is a sacrifice that many people make to bring a child into a loving family . . . even those that already have families. We have 4 biological children and could have more if we so chose. Our decision to adopt a child internationally was one that we felt led to do . . . to provide a child a home that she would otherwise not have. We understand the various costs that adoption entails, including the governmental fees. We willingly are saving and fundraising for the costs of adoption . . . we feel that it is worth it. Please now do not burden adoptive families with excessive costs . . . in addition to all the other fee's that we are paying.

It is especially discouraging to families like ours that face the likely possibility of having to pay the fee's 2 or more times as we wait for our child. We feel that to be burdened with the fee's twice or more is unnecessary and an undue hardship. Lengthening the time frames before the paperwork needs to be renewed would help the situation tremendously.

Please consider lowering the fee increases that have been proposed. Please also consider lowering the costs when forms have to be renewed, due to long waiting times to complete adoptions. Our family, and so many other families like ours, is trying to improve the life of a child. Please help us do that without making it more difficult to fund the adoption.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Pam Kaiser