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I am deeply concerned that these regulations for the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 will make it prohibitively expensive for many small international adoption agencies to stay in business. Also, it will raise the cost on international adoptions by thousands of dollars. This is already an expensive process, and I am concerned that raising the costs to parents pursuing international adoptions will result in many orphans suffering needlessly in third world countries. As someone currently pursuing adoption as a means of building a family, I am gravely concerned about these regulations and strongly urge that they be re-thought.

Sincerely,

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