

February 19, 2013

419 Fern St
West Hartford, CT 06107

Re: SB 59 - An Act Providing Certain Adult Adopted Persons with Access to their Original Birth Certificates

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as a member of ACCESS CONNECTICUT, a grass-roots organization of birthparents, adoptees, adoptive parents, friends and professionals associated with adoption, who believe that Connecticut adoptees have been denied the right that all other Connecticut Residents have – the right to obtain non-certified copies of their original, un-amended birth certificates.

This Original Birth Certificate allows adult adopted persons to know the names of their birth parents. How basic a right is it for one to know where one came from: the names of those who hold their genetics, health and ancestral history? Keeping this information from anyone is inhumane and as such, should be illegal.

I am asking for your support of SB 59.

I thank you, in advance, for your attention and action regarding these matters.

Sincerely,

Marion Conklin