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PROPOSED S.B. NO.59

AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES BY ADOPTED PERSONS

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I support S.B. No.59 because I am a mother who had to place her child for adoption in 1961. This was not done out of free choice, but rather done out of desperation, because I was pregnant and unmarried, a situation that was unacceptable to my family because of the shame and disgrace this would bring to them.

The suggestion by the authoritative persons who arranged the adoption, that I should go on with my life and in time I would forget was unconscionable. That proved untrue. I never forgot. In my opinion, it is not only shameful and disgraceful to create a lifelong separation of a mother and her child, but also it is sinful.

After forty years of pain I searched for and found my son. I begged him for forgiveness for what I had done to him, and for what society had done to us. It is twelve years later and we have a wonderful relationship. I love him today as I loved him the day he was born, and all the days in between.

I support S.B. No.59 because to me it is criminal to keep a mother and child separated, every person has a right to know who they are, it is the first right of the law of nature.

Please help us. Thank you for listening.

Respectfully submitted,

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