

Bruce Barrett and Therese Eke
HB5144

Dear Representative Terri Gerratana and Representative Susan Johnson and Members of the Public Health Committee: I am writing to ask you to support Raised Bill 5144 that would give access to birth certificates and parental health information for adoptees.

As the parents of two adoptees who are now in their teens, I cannot stress enough how important this information is for them. They so want and need a sense of identity that I cannot provide them. Something as simple as knowing potential health issues that we take for granted are denied them.

Having witnessed the struggle my children have had finding their place in the world, I ask that you remove this obstacle so that they feel as if they belong, and so as they have their own children, they can provide them with a sense of place as well.

Please both pass this bill, and make it retroactive and prospective - for my children, and their children.

Thank you so much in anticipation of your kind attention,

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