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Public Health Committee,

I am a 57 year old woman who was born and adopted in Connecticut in 1956. I also an am adoptive mother, having adopted my son from Guadalajara, Mexico almost 25 years ago.

The purpose of my letter is to ask that access to original birth certificates be reinstated as it had been prior to 1975. My amended birth certificate, issued after my adoption was final in fact records my adoptive mother, Harriet C. Goodyear as giving birth to me on August 4, 1956. I didn't even meet my adoptive mother until December 22, 1956 when I was placed in the home of my parents from foster care. This is a certified document and is signed by the Registrar of Voters as a true document. It's not, it's a fraud. I don't even know how it could be legal.

In addition I am unable to have medical tests paid for that the non adopted population in Connecticut has coverage for because I do not have the medical history of my biological family or the tools to find it. Many diseases run in biological families such as breast and ovarian cancer, Lou Gehrig's Disease, Parkinson's Disease and others. It is my right as it is for every other non adopted citizen to have this information as is also recommended by the Surgeon General's Health Family History Initiative.

Thank you for your time to this civil rights matter.

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