

Christopher Barry HB 5144

To Members of the Public Health Committee,

I am a 24 year old man who was adopted from Guadalajara, Mexico when I was 6 weeks old. My mother is an adoptee who was born and adopted in Connecticut. She is 57 years old. I am asking you to support Bill 5144 so my mother and other adoptees in Connecticut can obtain their original birth certificates, which is a tool that can be used to possibly find the medical history of their biological families.

I personally know what it is like to not have the medical history of my biological family. I know what it is like to have a doctor ask me about my medical history. I know what it feels like to be an X on the medical history form in my file at the doctor's office. I am not an X nor is my mother. We are people who are entitled to know what diseases run in our biological families so we can make the appropriate health care choices.

It's a bit harder for me to find my biological health history having been more in Mexico. It shouldn't be so hard for my mother to find hers. Please make the right choice and allow her as well as other adult adoptees in Connecticut access to the tools they need to find their biological medical history.

She's my mother and I love her. I need her around for a long, long time.

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