

Deniece Cummings HB5144

Dear Sirs,

Please consider this bill, and pass it. Your decision will allow the adult adoptees to find information they are now denied because of a decision made over 30 years ago; a decision that keeps an adoptee in a childlike state, unable to know where they are from, their roots, which can affect many decisions they must make over a lifetime. I am a biological parent who has been reunited with the baby I gave up in 1959. That decision was the defining moment in my life.

No one ever promised me secrecy and I was certain my daughter would find us when she was ready. Once I signed the papers, I promised myself to have no contact with her until she chose to find us. Subsequently, I wrote letters to Children Services of Connecticut to ask that those letters be made available to her when she became 18. Through many years of searching she did find us, but my letters were lost and unavailable to her.

Karen's mother allowed her to search, and eventually, we developed relationships with her family. Our story is a work in progress, and we all feel so blessed with the outcome.