

Jeff Hancock, **President, Adoptee Rights Coalition HB 5144**

To Public Health Committee Co-Chairs Senator Terry Gerratana and Representative Susan Johnson, and Members of the Public Health Committee:

I am writing to ask for your support of Raised Bill 5144, An Act Concerning Access to Birth Certificates and Parental Health Information for Adoptive Persons. I have a (friend/family member) who is (an adoptee, adoptive parent, birth parent, etc.). I strongly believe that ALL adult adoptees should have access to their original birth certificates, and the bill should be both retroactive and prospective.

I am a Late-Discovery-Adoptee whose life would have greatly benefited from having access to my natural identity. My lack of family medical history has been near fatal for both myself and our oldest son. Most importantly it is necessary for adult adoptees to no longer be treated as 2nd class citizens through the state governments that we support.

Thank-you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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