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To Public Health Committee Co-Chairs Terri 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 Adopted Persons. I am writing from two very different perspectives - one as the Director of a very old (143 years old) and established CT Adoption Program - and the other as a mother of 7, all of whom joined our family through adoption and are now adults.

From both of these vantage points, I very strongly believe that ALL adult adoptees should have access to their original birth certificates and that the bill should be both retroactive and prospective.

Please support Raised Bill 5144 on behalf of all adopted adults in CT who need - and have the right to have - access to their original birth certificates.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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