

Mary-Beth Dobmeier, LCSW HB 5144

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to you for your support of Raised Bill 5144, An Act Concerning Access to Birth Certificates and Parental Health Information For Adult Adoptee's.

I am a licensed clinical social worker with over 10 years of experience in the field of adoption. I have extensive experience in working with birth parents, adoptive parents, adopted children and adult adoptee's. I strongly believe that adult adoptee's should have the same access to their original birth certificates as the rest of the citizens of CT. The process should be as simple as it is for non adopted persons and the bill should be passed with provisions for both retroactive and prospective adoptions.

I have seen first hand the adverse effects that not having access to their original birth certificates can be for some adult adoptee's. It can lead to problems with self esteem as well as attachments issues, depression and anxiety.

I urge you to pass this bill and give adult adoptee's the same rights that are afforded to all other Ct citizens.

Respectfully,

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