

To: Public Health Committee , I am writing you in support of Bill 5144 , access to BIRTH CERTIFICATES @ Parental Health Information . I am a retired CT School Counselor...who has worked with families in CT.... I also have been touched by ADOPTION in my family ..I found my Birth Brother in Thomaston CT 5 years ago ... and a Birth Niece in Augusta, Maine in 2008 ... I am also a volunteer " Search Angel" Helping Adult Adoptees find their BIRTH Families .. I have volunteered along with several other " Search Angels" to find families in my Home State of Maine ...I was in Providence, RI in 2012 , when Governor Chaffee handed out the OBC's to Rhode Island Adoptees..I volunteered to help RI Adoptee find their FIRST Families... I want to tell you the story of my Birth Neice Leeann (age 47) from Augusta, Maine in recent months she had discovered a lump on her breastShe called me an asked again which Birth relatives had Cancer...I explained , Birth Maternal Grandmother , Birth Maternal Aunt and Maternal second Cousin ... Her doctor had asked her, do you know the kind of Breast cancer this Aunt had?? I was able to have my older sister in Seattle, WA scan and send her records .. My Birth Niece printed them out and showed them to her doctor in Maine .. Her Doctor was alarmed by the catagory and markers of this particular Breast cancer that she requested additional testing again in 6 months... My neice 's Health Insurance through her husband's work is very tough on extra tests ... THIS important family medical history gave her doctor the medical information to force the insurance company to approve these important tests... allowing her doctor to follow a family genetic breast cancer gene...similar to Angelina Jolie's Genetic background... My Birth Niece has a beautiful Daughter that I would want to save from this Family Genetic Cancer... My mother died from Breast Cancer my 1st Cousin Died at 29 from Breast Cancer ... Many Doctors are helpless to help Adoptees without medical history.. Please also save the next generation of children of Adult Adoptees , who maybe carrying these Markers for genetic Breast Cancers.... My Birth niece is the Mother of 3 children still living at home...Thank you for your attention...

Micky Bohan, Search Angel, Reunited Birth Niece 6/08 , Birth Brother 9/08