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Dear Public Health Committee Chairs Terri Gerritano and Representative Susan Johnson, and Members of the Public Health Committee,

The purpose of my testimony is to ask that you restore the right to adult adoptees in Connecticut the right to their original birth certificate as it had been until 1975.

I am not adopted and have three biological children. We don't have to worry about what diseases are in our family because we know the medical history of our biological family. I can't imagine how frustrating it is to be adopted and not have medical history of my biological family. How does anyone make responsible health care choices without that basic information? And what happens to people who are adopted and want to have a screening test, but insurance won't pay for it because the adoptee does not know the medical history of their biological family? And aren't able to have the tools to find it as the "tools" have been "locked" by the legislature?

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