

Sharon L. Soltes HB 5144

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

As an adopted child and a lifelong Connecticut resident, 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 also have a brother and two cousins who were adopted. Due to some unusual circumstances, our family was able to meet the two women who were my cousins' birth mothers. It was a positive experience for them and the relationships continue to this day.

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

Thank-you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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