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

I am writing to urge your support of Raised Bill 5144, An Act Concerning Access to Birth Certificates and Parental Health Information for Adoptive Persons.

I am a Connecticut adoptee who has lived without knowing the most basic information about my familial past. No one should receive an incomplete birth certificate simply by reason of being adopted. 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 for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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