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

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 am an adoptee who was finally given access to my original birth record after 25 years of searching, when Maine passed similar legislation. I strongly believe that ALL adult adoptees should have access to their original birth certificates, and the bill should be both retroactive and prospective. The myths of birthparent confidentiality have been disproven, the desire of biological relatives to find each other is compelling, and adoptive families flourish after reunion.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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