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

On behalf of Access Connecticut, I would like to respectfully request your support of House Bill 5144, An Act Concerning Access to Birth Certificates and Parental Health Information for Adopted Persons.

Access Connecticut has received written endorsements from the Connecticut adoption and social welfare agencies listed below to the following statement:

“This agency supports restoring the right of adult adoptees to receive a copy of their original birth certificate upon reaching the age of majority. We believe this right should apply retroactively as well as prospectively.”

Adoptions from the Heart
Connecticut Adoption Services
Connecticut Association of Foster and Adoptive Families
Connecticut Council on Adoption
Family and Children’s Agency, Inc.
Family Affirmation Center for Treatment
Independent Adoption Center
Jewish Family Services of Bridgeport
Jewish Family Services of New Haven
Lutheran Social Services of New England
National Association of Social Workers – Connecticut Chapter
r Kids
Rainbow Adoptions International, Inc.
Touched By Adoption

The following adoption and social welfare organizations also support adult adoptee access to original birth certificates:

Catholic Conference of Ohio
Concerned United Birthparents (CUB)
Child Welfare League of American (CLWA)
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC)
Ohio Right To Life
American Adoption Congress (AAC)
Evan B. Donaldson Institute
National Adoption Center
American Academy of Pediatrics
Parents for Ethical Adoption Reform
Holt International Children's Services

More information regarding these organizations and their support of access is available on the Access Connecticut website at <http://accessconnecticut.org/expert-endorsements/>.

Thank you for your consideration.

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