

Kerry Bulson HB 5144

To Public Health Committee Co-Chairs Senator Terry 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 have a (friend/family member) who is (an adoptee, adoptive parent, birth parent, etc.). I strongly believe that ALL adult adoptees should have access to their original birth certificates, and the bill should be both retroactive and prospective.

As an adult adoptee, not having access to family medical history undermines the health of not only myself, but that of my children. Outside of the fact that I believe every human being has a right to know who they are. Who do I look like? What is my heritage? I can't explain how awful it is to do to the doctor and have to put the dreaded "N/A" under family history. I would like access to my original, unamended birth certificate. And having your support of this bill would mean the world to adoptees across the state.

Thank-you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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