

Lori Westover Gall HB5144

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 a 55 year old woman who in 2012 finally after alot of years searching found my birth family.I was adopted at 3 months old. Unfortunately my birth Mother and birth Father both have passed away. I am in contact with everyone on my birth Fathers side. I have all my identifying information. What I need most in life now is my original birth certificate to make my search complete. I was already denied my birth certificate because of the Connecticut law. I was born in 1958 at Hartford Hospital. I have the whole story of what took place back in 1957-1958.My birth mother Verna Keeler did what she and my Grandmother thought was best for me. It was the best thing for me. I grew up in a loving home with the best parents. I never referred to them as my adoptive parents. My birth name was Deborah Lee Keeler. Born 6-12 -1958
My adoptive parents passed away in 1985 and 1987.
My story is very long because I searched for many years.
My birth family lives in Danbury, Brookfield, Bethel, New Milford and East Haven.

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 reading this.

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