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I am an adoptive parent to two now-adult children who were adopted through Child & Family Agency in New London in the late 80's. I believe that it is an essential human right for their birth parents to have access to their surrender documents. Our personal experience demonstrated the compelling need our children had for identifying their ancestral roots. Significant emotional healing occurred for our children when they were able to reach out (as adults) to connect with their birth mothers. Adoption should not require a permanent severing of child from birth parent. As an adoptive parent, I know first-hand- that we have a secure, loving relationship with our children that is **NOT diminished** by their interest/need to have some contact with their birth parent.

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