

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an adoptee, and I encourage you to support S.B. 972.

To live your life without knowing your history is something I hope you don't need to experience. It is way beyond the simple lack of "sense of place", not knowing one's family history can have significant impact on healthcare decisions.

As I understand the current law, someone adopted after 1983 can have access to their original birth certificate, but those who came before may not. One of the founding tenets of our country has always been "equal protection", as enshrined in the 14th amendment to the Constitution.

I have a history, and I have a right to know it.

Sincerely,

Christopher Barstein