

Dear members of the Planning and development committee,

I am a NJ born adoptee , on Jan 09, 2017 , I was the first adopted person to receive my original sealed birth certificate at the Trenton State house .

I must say , besides marrying my husband this has been one of the most exciting days of my life . My original birth certificate revealed my biological mother's name .

After years of searching and spending hard earned money on PI's , lots of frustration and failure, which only lead to dead end streets ...

The simple truth is,,, all I needed was "a simple piece of paper"....

Three days after receiving my original birth certificate, with the help of a searcher , I found my biological mother .

My biological mom , was extremely happy to hear from me . She always wanted to find me , but due to sealed records she could not .

After fifty years we were reunited. We hugged, and talked for the first time. My questions were finally answered, the locked door was finally opened and I learned what was behind it .

In the past two years I learned my true heritage, my biological medical history (which is very important to me ). I have learned about my biological family members , I have two half sisters , nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and lots of cousins ...

I suffer from infertility due to medical complications and I could not have children of my own .

So you see , the opening of the NJ sealed birth records has been a large wonderful gift to me . It has opened a new look on life with new people who are related to me and actually love me .

My adopted family have all passed on , but now I have a brand new biological family !

Please pass the "Senate Bill SB 972" , help other adoptees and birth parents reunite . Give them that special gift , help them find one another before it is too late .

My biological mother gave me the name of my biological father. I found him too late, he passed away four years ago . The NJ sealed birth records opened four years to late . I will never get to meet my biological father .

But I was fortunate to find and contact a half brother on my father's side ..

I was a big surprise to him. He invited me to his home , welcomed me with open arms . He gave me a gift , a small Celtic charm and urn with some of my biological fathers ashes . This was such a loving thing to do.

Help adoptees and birth parents reunite unsealing the birth records , before it is too late ..

Help others unlock the sealed closed doors and find precious information.

It is everyone's birth right to know the truth .

Please help Connecticut born adoptees have a chance to find the happiness I have found ...

Thank you for your time ,

Sincerely,  
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