

I am a mother who surrendered my firstborn son for adoption, born in 1968, under great duress. I was not promised anything at all, certainly not confidentiality, and I would not have wanted it. I am now a reunited birthmother of many years. I am so proud of the man my oldest son has become, and would have been heartbroken forever had we not been able to see each other again.

NJ passed a law to allow adoptees their original birth certificate, as have many other states, and no disasters have occurred, contrary to what the fear-mongering opponents of adoptee rights try to claim. We are talking about adopted ADULTS, citizens who should have the same right as anyone else to their own birth record. Please vote for this law to pass.

Birthmothers in CT will bless you, as will adoptees. The time has come.

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Cohen