## Support for S.B. 972

Connecticut has 4 classes of adoptees.

- 1) Born before January 1944
- 2) Born Between January 1944 and October 1983 (Can prove birth parents are deceased)
- 3) Born between January 1944 and October 1983
- 4) Born After October 1983

So if I was born Before January 1944 or after October 1, 1983 then I can get my original birth certificate. I can also get my original birth certificate if I was born between January 1, 1944 and October 1,1983 provided that i can prove my birth parents are deceased. Explain how is it fair that those are the only ways i can get my original birth certificate.

Adoptees should know who their birth families are. They have the right to any and all medical information that runs in their families history. Please support and pass Senate Bill 927 so that all adoptees are treated equal.

I grew up being raised by my grandparents, due to the fact that my parents were deceased when I was 3 months old. I was very grateful to know medical history as to what ran on my father's side of the family. Even though I knew who my maternal grandparents were, i really did not get to know much about their medical history, and now I have some of the same issues that ran in my family.

Thank you Ardella Cottrill West Virginia