

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to you in support of Senate Bill 972 which will grant adoptees full access to their original birth certificates. I am a birthmother from 1973 who was absolutely overjoyed to finally be contacted by my son three years ago, after a DNA parent-child match. I had been looking for him as well. I had never forgotten him and was definitely not hiding from him. I was never promised privacy, nothing in my paperwork indicates any such expectation. I did not want or need to be protected from my own son, who was himself respectful and protective in his first message to me.

Please trust in the sacred mother-child bond which in many cases it is too strong to remain severed by legal documents and secrecy.

I urge you to support this bill to allow adopted persons the right to their own original birth certificates. It is fair.

Sincerely,

Linda Crisafulli