

I am writing today to express my strong support for S.B. 972.

I am a birthmother and I assure you that at no time was I told that my daughter, born August 1965, would not have access to her original birth certificate, nor was I ever promised future anonymity.

I have been a psychotherapist for over 30 years, and as a professional in the healthcare field, I know that for everyone, a visit with a new Doctor always begins with a detailed personal and family health history which an adopted person is unable to provide. I urge you to consider how vitally important it is for individuals to have access to their own medical histories.

I feel strongly that it is a clear violation of basic civil rights to deny one group of citizens, those adopted before October 1, 1983, the same right to access their own birth certificates, that all other citizens enjoy.

Respectfully Submitted,
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