

Hello,

I am an adoptee and have lived all my life without having any information about my birthparents or my birth. I also have Cerebral Palsy, a lifelong neurological condition. Complications during birth is a known cause of Cerebral Palsy. However, I probably will never know this piece of my story. Today, more and more people are becoming interested in learning about their heritage and fortunately technology and medicine are making this accessible and quite popular. While it may be a fascination for some, I find this information a necessity, especially now that I am raising children of my own and carry the responsibility to help them understand who they are. I imagine there are many parents in similar situations who feel the same way, and certainly in cases in which there are health-related vulnerabilities. With your support of this bill, you'll be helping these parents raise their children with the information necessary to protect them from possible avoidable risks, ultimately helping protect our future. You'll be imprinting this value in the minds of our children and for generations to come. It's really quite simple and I imagine, unarguable, that all of our interests is in protecting life and our future. It's a value I'd like to pass onto my children. How about you?

With gratitude and hope,

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