

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of [House Bill 5408, An Act Concerning Access to Original Birth Records By Adult Adopted Persons.](#)

As a lifelong CT resident adopted in 1968, I do not have access to my family medical history. I would like access to my original birth certificate to find out about my health background and enable health care practitioners to properly administer my health care.

Throughout my life it's been frustrating and demoralizing not to be able to provide a family health history at doctor appointments. When you're well into adulthood, hearing yourself say for the hundredth time, "I don't have that information, I'm adopted", is simply absurd. Not having this information puts me at risk of missing potential health issues that otherwise could be avoided or addressed in a timely manner.

Adult Adoptees in CT (and everywhere) deserve the right that every non-adopted adult has to their own information and health/medical history. We are currently placed at a disadvantage by being kept from information that most people never give a thought to. It's time to allow adopted adults access to their original birth certificates.

Sincerely,
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