

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of S.B. 972 to allow adoptees access to their original birth certificates. I am a birthmother, and I have been happily reunited with my birthson for many years. I never felt the need to be protected, and that belief is based on unhealthy attitudes and beliefs regarding birthparents, especially birthmothers.

Adoptees have an inalienable civil right to know their own ancestry and should never be restricted from seeing their own birth certificates. This is not the government's business, this is a matter of personal and individual rights. If an adoptee contacts a birthmother who does not wish to be contacted, then that is a matter strictly between those two people - NOT a third party, and there should be no law denying those rights.

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