

To Whom It May Concern:

I am 50 years old. Struggled with depression most of my life. No real reason. My adoptive parents were loving. Through DNA tests, found my birth mother, found out she struggled for years as well as other family members. If I would have known it was genetic, it would have saved me a lot of medical problems.

It helps to know who gave birth to you. My young mother didn't think it was important at the time, I guess. The stigma is real too. I am still looking for my birth father.

People have a right to know for medical reasons being the most important.

Respectfully,

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