

Support for S.B. 972

I am also one of the young women who found herself pregnant in 1968. I was 17 years old and still in High School. My parents were quite shocked and told me that I could not raise my baby. I was sent to talk to the Children's Home Society, so they could handle the adoption of my baby. When I would talk to the social worker I would cry and say that I could not give her up. They would say...don't you want what is best for your baby. They worked really hard to convince me it was all for the best. The agency never once told me that my identity would be kept private. They did tell me that I would forget and move on with my life. The loss of my daughter has had a lifelong effect on me. Please open the adoption records for all involved. We are all adults and don't need to be regulated by the state. So many of us Birth mothers have worked for 20 years to try and get open adoption records. Just do the right and honorable thing and open the records.

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