

Support for S.B. 972

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in regards to Senate Bill 972 and its importance. I am an adoptive parent, not from Connecticut but from New Hampshire. We adopted our son two years ago and to us, changing a name on a birth certificate, while great in some aspects, did not seem appropriate or fair. If my son wanted to find his birth family once he is a legal adult, that is his right.

The reason I am writing to you today is - my sister in law, who was legally adopted in CT, had her name changed on her original adoption certificate. If she did not have the resources available to her that she did (and years of research) she never would have found her birth family (us!). We are very close and super appreciative to have her in our lives and hope that other families have that same opportunity in the future.

Passing this bill would mean so much to so many people - having access to a birth certificate, as an adult, so people can know their health history, their families origin, etc. should be their birth right.

Thank you for your time!
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