

Support of Senate Bill 972-The 2019 Adoptees Rights Bill

To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting my testimony in support of Senate Bill 972 which is an act concerning access to Original Birth Records by adult adopted persons in the state of Connecticut.

This Senate Bill 972 allows all adoptees, including persons adopted before October 1, 1983, and their adult children or grandchildren, to obtain uncertified copies of their own original birth certificate from the state Department of Public Health.

I was adopted as an infant. I heard about this bill and fully support it. My brother, a biological of my parents, has all of his family medical history. I, on the other hand, do not. Not having my medical information has caused a lot of problems. My youngest child began his life with a lot of medical issues that led to some severe life threatening issues. If I had access to my birth certificate and medical records some of those problems could of been dealt with before becoming life threatening. I know for certain these were from my genetics not the father's. His side did not have those issues. If I had my medical information it would not have caused a child to suffer through all the testing and surgeries he endured as an infant. As well as the emotional toll on his parents. Also, his health could be doing even better then it is, if only I had access to these medical records.

I would love to see this bill passed in Connecticut, in hopes other states will follow. Biological children have always had access to their original birth certificate and medical history. I believe that it is truly unfair that adoptees do not. It is truly unjust for adoptees to have to pay to do a search for medical history and origin when non-adoptees have access immediately to that information.

I support Senate Bill 972 and the right for adoptees born prior to October 1, 1983 to obtain their original birth certificate.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony,

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