

Connecticut General Assembly
Planning and Development Committee
Legislative Office Building
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Re: Proposed Bill No: 972
AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO ORIGINAL BIRTH RECORDS BY ADULT ADOPTED PERSONS.

To: Distinguished Members of the Planning and Development Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony. I strongly **support** Proposed Bill #972 and ask that the Planning and Development Committee vote to move it forward.

As an adoptive mother of three children, I write to you on their behalf. Each of my children should have the right to fully know who they are and who their birthparents are. Most of us take for granted that we know who we resemble, where our mannerisms might have originated and enjoy being told "you get that from your mother" or father. My children do not have that knowledge. And yet, they should. Please restore to my children and all adults who are waiting the right to fully know who they are and where they come from.

I thank you for this opportunity to express my support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deb Kelleher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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