

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 3972 allowing adult adoptees access to their original birth certificates. My career spans over 40 years working with families conceived through adoption. Closed adoption and secrecy are a thing of the past. It has been unequivocally proven that adoptions wrapped in secrecy are extremely unhealthy for minor children being placed into a family. Therefore, it is a no brainer to conclude that adult adoptees have a right to their own legal documents.

We cannot continue to hold these original documents hostage, when the face of adoption has changed so drastically. These laws are antiquated and represent a time that no longer exists. With current DNA testing adoptees and birth parents are finding each other easily. This is not about searching, This is about treating adoptees like full class citizens that deserve their original birth certificates, just like every other member of society. We must quit treating grown people like children.

Finally I am a birthmother who placed a child in the 1960's. It is a patent lie that any of us were ever promised confidentiality. Research, has proven there is not one document to be found supporting that ridiculous claim. My name was all over my son's paperwork.

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