

## **Support for S.B. 972**

As an adopted woman born in New York I know very well the impact of not being able to have access to the truth of my origins - this being my original birth certificate. In this day and age it's hard to ponder why access is still being prevented by the continuation of archaic legislation that does not enable one's freedom to know their origins. Adoptee Rights are Human Rights. I have spent the last 20 years now working in child welfare with a specialty in adoption . Through the years so many individuals have approached me to try and find more information about their roots and their families and because I have to comply with the law I have not been able to help them, because redacting records is really not that helpful , and as an adoptee redacting records for my clients, it was just adding insult to injury. Not only did it insult me but also my clients.

As you may be very well aware , DNA testing has now provided millions of people access to the truth of their origins! Laws should be comparable to what the open market is allowing people to do !

Let's evolve together!

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