

Support for S.B. 972

Dear Deciders of Our and Our Children's Futures,

I wish to God that there were words I could write that would convince you that everyone deserves to know their heritage!

I am a 71-year-old adoptee from your neighboring state of New York. Please demonstrate that you are more empathetic, humane, and compassionate than my fellow and sister New Yorkers who still have not yet passed legislation permitting adoptees access to their original birth certificates! It's difficult to remain a child all one's life...a child without full civil and human rights of knowing one's ancestry. Adult children have children and grand children who are equally uninformed.

Speaking of ancestry, from the first time I logged in, I confirmed who my mother was through DNA, yet am still searching for who my birth father's parents were.

Recently, I underwent major surgery, and while conversing with another who had undergone a similar surgery performed by the same surgeon, she stated that she was discharged within hours of her operation, and was not unhappy, because although she didn't remember the ride home, she distinctively recalled the phone call received shortly upon arrival that her beloved older brother by two years, he was 48, had had an unexpected fatal cardiac incident caused by a rare inherited anomaly, which with prior treatment, would have been preventable. I wonder if my son could be brought down by something similar, not because family neglected to pass on known information, but because a state's draconian laws would not allow certain of their citizens access to health information to which every other citizen is entitled. Certain types of information need to be transmitted from family members-to-family members, not from a registry whose words may be decades old and currently faulty or incomplete.

My mother's father was Irish, and so, from a (partially) Irish colleen, I wish you all a very happy St. Patrick's Day!

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Maloy (officially recorded birth name)