

Hello,

On behalf of Access Connecticut, I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 972.

The legislature should restore the right of every adopted adult citizen in Connecticut to obtain a copy of her original, true birth certificate. All adult adoptees deserve unrestricted access to their original birth certificates. Not allowing all adoptees to obtain this important document is discrimination. People who are not adopted take this information for granted. There is no justification for treating adopted adults differently than people who are not adopted. It is a basic human and civil right to know one's biological origins.

As an adoptee who was born in Illinois, I was able to obtain a copy of my original birth certificate. That piece of paper revealed important facts about my mother and helped me connect with my mother's other daughter, my half-sister. She and I have bonded. From our conversations, I've learned many things about our mother and her family. Using DNA tests, I was able to learn my father's identity and establish a friendly relationship with his oldest daughter, my half-sister. Learning about my origins has brought me comfort and peace of mind. When I go to the doctor, I can answer questions about my family medical history, just like everyone else.

I urge the legislature to do the right thing and approve Senate Bill 972. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

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*"The finest language is mostly made up of simple unimposing words."* ~George Eliot