

Dear Senators,

I am writing and asking you to support and pass S.B. 972, the 2019 Adoptee Rights Bill. I am the husband of an adoptee who was born in this state in 1966. From the moment I met my wife in 1984, she always longed to know who where her biological parents. She wanted a biological connection to know her physical attributes and things she may need to know for her children. Fortunately, in the late 90's, no thanks to the state she was reconnected with her birth mother. It was short lived, as her mother was a 'brittle' diabetic, and died 6 mos later. However, she now knew a bit of her physiology and what to expect as she aged. Even though she received information about her father, her mother could not recall exact spellings of his name or other details.

For twenty years my wife and I searched for her father. It was only through DNA testing and matches found on Ancestry.com that she finally found her father (also deceased) and the rest of her biological family. Sure enough, his surname was not what her mother recalled or in her case, told. The point being ... the State of Connecticut and others are failing miserably in keeping up with the times. DNA testing is rapidly outpacing legislation. Ask yourself one question ... how would you feel not knowing your biological parents, the parents who make your physical body what it is? That's huge. It has an impact on life decisions, yours, your children and your grandchildren. All humanity has the right to know their parents. Currently in our state there is a population of citizens who are denied that basic, human right. My wife is still part of that population. Even with the information she now has in her possession, if she appealed to the court to open her record, mostly likely it would be denied because the surname of her father would not be correct, something that DNA has proven.

Please, for the sake of all humanity, present, past and future pass S.B. 972.

Respectfully submitted,  
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