

I am writing to request your support of SB 972, for adult adopted people to access their original birth certificates. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Texas, and also licensed in Colorado. My specialty is post-adoption and sexual/domestic violence. The referrals I receive come from all over the country and I routinely assist adult adoptees by connecting them with people who understand the laws in their state as well as clinicians in other states. I have even had occasion to meet Connecticut adoptees in the state of Texas. This issue affects adopted people nationwide. I support OBC access for adult adoptees, and have seen first hand how it affects clients and colleagues around the country. OBC access is the healing, respectful policy for ALL parties to an adoption. It restores a measure of dignity to the experience, and places autonomy back in the hands of the parties to the adoption. It is also a best practice, and supported by a very wide range of professional organizations, including the National Association of Social Workers and the Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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