

Support for S.B. 972

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I am an international adoptee born in spring of 1974. I recently sent the state of Pennsylvania \$30 to start a search for any information that could lead me to information about my birth parents. Although the letter that I received back indicated that no information could be found in my file, that I could so inquire meant the world to me.

Those who are not adopted have NO IDEA - NONE - about how important a document as seemingly simple as an original birth certificate (or even a letter stating that no such document could be located, due to circumstances) can be to an adoptee. Being able to acquire information about one's origin story can literally be a matter of life and death.

To categorically deny that ability to a person is unjust and adds additional trauma to an already traumatic situation. I feel very strongly that access to any and all original birth documents is unquestionably a civil right, and that such should be available to adoptees without undue cost or time delay.

Thank you for taking adoptees' voices into consideration during your contemplation of this bill. I truly hope that you make the only humane choice.

Best,
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