

Hello,

I'm writing in support of SN 972, which would restore the rights of those who were adopted in Connecticut, to access their own original birth certificates, allowing them the same rights as all non-adopted persons to have access to documents regarding their own identities.

It is not right that in order for a child to have a home, that he or she has to pay the price of being stripped of his or her identity, with absolutely no recourse. It is not right that people are led to believe that the reality of their own identity has to be hidden because we are some kind of abomination that our natural parents must be protected from, as if we were Hell spawn rather than human beings.

Many of us who were adopted have spent thousands of dollars searching, as well as on DNA tests, trying to find out the simple question of who we are. We *all* deserve the right to know that information about ourselves as far as possible, without being treated as though we are less than non-adopted people, and without being treated as though we are incapable of managing our own interpersonal contacts or relationships. We don't need the government dictating what we can or cannot know about ourselves or who we can or cannot contact, and natural parents don't need the government assuming their wishes or speaking on their behalf.

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