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Dear Connecticut Legislators,

Please support for S.B. 972. I am the grandparent of an adopted child and I know that her open adoption has made her life better. Knowing and communicating with her birth mother has made her a more secure person. She can communicate with her birth mother but knows that she is loved and cherished in her adopted family which she considers her "real" family.

But I have a friend who was adopted many years ago and knows nothing of her parents. This is not only a problem with knowing her medical history but an emotional problem for her. She feels she doesn't belong. Part of her life story is missing, and although she's tried to find information about her parents, the records are sealed. She is 40 year old and although she loves and respects her adoptive parents, she feels displaced. She's had a lifetime of longing to know her true identity and heritage.

Please pass S.B. 972 which will allow adopted children to know their ancestry and medical histories.

Thank you,

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