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Dear Connecticut Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to ask your support of SB972! Under current Connecticut law, adoptees born before 1/1/44 have access to their original birth certificates, Adoptees born between January 1 1944 and October 1 1983 have access if their first parents are deceased. Adoptees born before 1/1/44 and 10//1/83 DO NOT have access to their original birth certificates. Adoptees born after 10/1/83 have access. We need to ensure ALL Adoptees have access to their original birth certificates. The law is not applied equally.

That is why I am writing to ask your support of SB972! This bill will bring equity and consistency to the law... There have been many supporters to this movement in Connecticut including faith organizations (United Church of Christ, Episcopal church, United Methodist churches from Western Connecticut/New York Conference), law associations (CT. Bar Associations), medical associations (Connecticut State Medical Society), social work organization (National Association for Social Workers/CT Chapter), first parent organizations (including the nation's largest, Concerned United Birthparents) and foster care organizations (National Foster Parents Association) as well as so many other notable organizations both on a state and federal level.

It is time to support this important legislation!

Respectfully,

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