

## **Support for SB 972**

Please support SB 972 to allow adult adoptees born before October 1, 1983 access to their original birth certificates.

I am an adult adoptee who is the product of a closed adoption in which the state sealed my records. Adoptees and our descendants have an inherent right to know our roots and our biological identity. Connecticut has passed progressive legislation that grants equal rights to almost all of its adoptees – it's time to finish the job.

What happens in one state affects legislation in other states. I am raising my voice in support of SB 972 because I want adoptees everywhere to be able to know where they came from. The original birth certificate belongs to the adoptee. Adopted citizens deserve to have access to the truth of their origins in the same way that non-adopted people do.

I urge you to vigorously support SB 972 to allow all Connecticut adoptees access to their original birth certificates; it is a fundamental human right.

With respect,

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