

I urge all legislators to vote YES on SB 972 an act concerning access to birth records by adult adopted persons. When adoptees cannot access their own original birth certificate, problems arise with utilizing government services - an example is the difficulty obtaining a passport. In November 2017 I gave a 15-minute TedTalk about the multiple problems currently faced by adult adoptees who are unable to obtain their own birth records:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=POVRCjgv0Io>

As a birth parent who relinquished a son in 1970, I never envisioned all the obstacles Michael would face since he could not access his own documents. He was unable to obtain a passport for his vacation this past June.

Please vote YES on SB 972.

Sincerely,

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