

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 972, An Act Concerning Access to Original Birth Records by Adult Adopted Persons. I cannot imagine the frustration and emotional pain people who cannot access critical facts that could affect health care decisions must endure. My daughter is pregnant with her first child, and not a week passes without a phone call: Did I have chicken pox? Was anyone in our family an alcoholic? Did anyone have polio? A heart attack? We are fortunate to have access to medical records and histories. Adoptees who cannot get that information have no way of knowing whether they might have potential health issues that could be avoided or addressed. Connecticut has a responsibility to facilitate the efforts adopted adults make to access their original birth certificates and family medical histories.

Sincerely,

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