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To the Honorable Members of the Planning & Development Committee,

Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council, Inc. **supports Senate Bill 972**, An Act Concerning Access to Original Birth Records By Adult Adopted Persons. We believe that all persons have the right to know their family history and we fully support adult adopted persons having access to their Original Birth Certificates. Adopted persons should be treated with equality and have access to the government document that records their birth; the same right afforded to all other citizens of Connecticut.

In 2014, Connecticut granted original birth certificate access to any Connecticut adult whose adoption was finalized after October 1, 1983. However, it left behind all persons who were adopted in the state of Connecticut prior to October 1, 1983. Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council, Inc. supports access for all adults who were adopted in Connecticut, a right that is taken for granted by non-adopted individuals.

Respectfully Submitted,

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