

Please support and pass SB 113! I am an adoptee who falls under the category of those who are not allowed access to original birth certificates under current law. From the little information I do know, my birth mother was in a very difficult spot in life when she had me and I have the utmost respect for her choice not only to have me but to make the decision to give me over for adoption in light of this. She was young and in shock and I wonder sometimes if she wonders about me and how I turned out.

At this time my biggest wish is to have access to medical history as I have had some medical issues and knowing what might be contributing would really be helpful. Not all of us want access for the purpose of making contact with our birth parents - right now that is not what I am looking to do. But in the future, I'd ultimately like to have an actual option and chance to reach out and let my birth mother know that I have respect for her choice and how I have turned out as a person. Whether or not my efforts are reciprocated is of less importance; I simply want the possibility to be able to let her know.

Today I am a clinical social worker employed as an outpatient therapist, and have seen firsthand how knowledge of one's background helps support personal growth and change. I would like that same chance and I strongly encourage this bill to be passed. I believe ALL people have a right to information about themselves. Simply put - why not us?

Respectfully,

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