

Dear legislators:

I have been employed as a clinical social worker for over 23 years. I am also an adoptive parent. I state this to provide insight as to why I believe voting yes on SB113 is critical to individuals who have been adopted. Secrets are harmful to one's psychological well being. Individuals who are the subjects of the secrets are harmed emotionally. There has been much damage done to adoptees since state governments have amended the original birth certificates. It was a failed social experiment which has caused much psychological and physical damage to adoptees. By amending birth certificates of adoptees it sends a message they are not equal human beings as nonadoptees. This practice sends a message adoptees are inferior people. This damages their self esteem. This can cause further emotional damage to their lives. Providing access to their original birth certificates help to provide adoptees with a sense of self. It will help them connect with their true information about their origins.

I ask you to vote yes on SB113 and help end the hurt caused to adoptees by this practice.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

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Sent from my iPhone