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Subject: SB 113

I am writing today to express my strong support for SB 113.

I am a birth mother and I assure you that at no time was I told that my daughter, born August, 1965, would not have access to her original birth certificate.

I have been a psychotherapist for over 30 years, and as a healthcare professional, I know that for everyone, a visit with a new Doctor begins with a Detailed personal and family health history, Which an adopted person is unable to provide (the limited health information which I as a teenager, whose parents were then in their 40's is not very useful for my 54 year old daughter). I urge you to consider how vitally important it is for individuals to have access to their own medical histories.

I feel strongly that it is a clear violation of basic civil rights to deny one group of citizens, those adopted before October 1, 1983, the same right to access their own original birth certificates, that all other citizens enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,
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