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I gave up a daughter for adoption in 1966 in California. She contacted me in 1997. I was nervous and scared but everything worked out. We are great friends now!

I live in Oregon. In November 1998, there was a measure on the state ballot allowing adult adoptees access to their original birth certificates. I appeared in a full page ad along with hundreds of birth mothers in the state's largest paper, the Oregonian, supporting this measure. It passed with 57 per cent of the vote. After a court challenge, the Oregon Court of Appeals upheld the measure. Beginning in January, 2000, Oregon-born adoptees began receiving their original birth certificates. Thousands have happily met their original parents. There has not been one reported case of any problems. In 2013 the Legislature passed a law effective January, 2014 allowing adoptees and birth parents access to their adoption court files. Again no reported problems.

Sincerely
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