

I am a child of an adult male Connecticut adoptee born in 1953. Please support and pass SB 113. It is an adoptee's right to know who they are and where they came from. It is MY right to know my biological family's health information. I am 41 and a mother. Questions arose 6 years ago when I became pregnant about my biological family history, a lot of which I could not provide. It was an unempowering feeling, one fraught with concerns and questions not answered. How is it fair for certain adoptee's to have access to their birth certificate but not others? That does not sound like equal rights for all. DNA technology is surpassing the bills and laws put in place and adoptee's and their families (like us) are turning to it as an alternative to obtaining their birth certificate since they are being denied access to it. Being able to obtain one's own birth certificate is certainly more private than sending in a DNA sample. This should no longer be a question. SB 113 should be passed. It is discriminatory that adoptee's have access to their birth certificates that were finalized after 1983 while others, like my father's whose adoption was finalized in 1953 are being denied. Absolutely not equal rights.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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