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I am an Ohio birthmother in successful reunion with my son who I placed for adoption in 1975. This was after he obtained his original birth certificate under new Ohio law effective in 2014. I'm urging Connecticut legislators to follow New York's lead and open birth records to all adoptees, as the argument that mothers were assured protection is ill-considered. Like so many of us, I was never promised, nor requested, anonymity. To the contrary, I insisted a notation be placed in his adoption file stating I would welcome contact if that option was ever available to him.

Connecticut legislators have an opportunity to right the destructive practice of closed adoption records. All adoptees deserve access to their truth. Secrecy was never a good objective; it needs to end now.

Respectfully,

Jan Frey