

Support Bill SB113



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To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting my testimony in support of Senate Bill 113 which is an act concerning access to Original Birth Records by adult adopted persons in the state of Connecticut.

This Senate Bill 113 allows all adoptees, including persons adopted before October 1, 1983, and their adult children or grandchildren, to obtain uncertified copies of their own original birth certificate from the state Department of Public Health.

I am a 61 year old adoptee born in Connecticut in 1958. I was born in Hartford and my adoption was finalized in New London. My adoptive parents resided in Waterford. I have birth family in different towns in Connecticut such as New Haven, New Milford, Danbury, Sandy Hook, and Bethel. They do support this bill.

I firmly believe that it is my civil right to have access to my original birth certificate for medical history and my origin. I believe that it is truly unfair that adoptees do not. It is truly unjust for adoptees to have to pay to do a search for medical history and origin when non-adoptees have access immediately to that information.

I support Senate Bill 113 and the right for adoptees born prior to October 1, 1983 to obtain their original birth certificate.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony,

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