

Re: 2020, S.B. 113, AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES BY ADULT ADOPTED PERSONS.

Dear Legislators,

This is, I believe, the third time I've submitted testimony to you regarding the issue of my having access to the most basic information about myself; information about the identity of my birth parents. Within days, or maybe hours of my birth, my biological heritage was sealed off from me. My familial history became irretrievable. And, over the intervening decades, the powers that be have determined that my loss was not significant enough to rectify that truncation. Imagine for yourself, please, that your own life had no precedent before your birth that you were allowed to know; that, as a biological entity, you were unidirectional, moving only forward in time, alone, without support from any trunk or roots. Adoptions today are handled differently; with openness, honesty, and transparency, because that is healthier all around. Adoptees in other states, and those in Connecticut older than I, have been allowed this personal historical completion. My cohort should be legislatively granted the same, by you, this session. I will be 69 years old in a few weeks. That is too long to have been deprived like this. I will be very disappointed if this measure is again allowed to die before being heard by the full Senate and the full House. Thank you for your earnest consideration.

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