

## Support for SB 113



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I am writing in support of the bill SB 113. I was born in November of 1966 and given up for adoption and my records were sealed under the laws of the times. Unfortunately after all these years, these laws are still in existence. It is my belief that these laws are archaic and if I am to be completely honest, cruel. It is a basic human right to be allowed to know where one comes from.

These laws originated with the purpose of protecting the privacy of adoptees and their adopted families but have with time been flipped in order to protect the birth mothers and fathers and their families. Through my readings and research, I have learned that in the majority of all cases the families of origin are more than willing to be contacted but are unable to be because of the current laws. While provisions have been made to assist in this dilemma (mutual consent registries and the like) it can be very expensive and is not enough.

By supporting this bill you will not only be affecting Connecticut adoptees but adopted people across the nation by sending the message that Connecticut will not discriminate against adoptees right to obtain their Original Birth Certificates.

With Appreciation,

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