

Support for SB 113



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I am the wife of an adoptee and I believe that all people should have access to their original birth certificates with their biological parents names on it. My husband was born October 24, 1963 and has never had the choice of having access to his original birth certificate. As he has gotten older, his desire for being able to at least contact his biological mother or her family has grown. He just wants to let her know that he appreciates her decision to put him up for adoption since she was not ready to be a single mother, he was adopted by a wonderful family, that he has a good life and holds no ill will towards her. Over the past year the desire for knowing family medical history has become more important because he recently suffered a stroke and silent heart attack. Knowing his families medical history is very important as it would have also helped when he was diagnosed with diabetes at the age of 30. People in other states have access to this information when they either turn 16 or 18 but Connecticut is one of the few well know states that does not allow this. Even when trying to go through a genealogist or private detective, once they find that you live in Connecticut they immediately say they cannot help. No matter what state you are born in, you should always have the option to access your original birth certificate.