

## Re: Margaret, can you write testimony for SB 113?



**From** Margaret LyBurtus <mlyburtus@gmail.com>

**To** Access Connecticut <info@accessconnecticut.org>

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To Representitives,

As a mother to a child surrendered to adoption in 1966 and having been involved in adoption issues since 1990 I can assure you that most birthparents are hoping to know the fate of their children and want them to have access to their medical information and their family. The baby scoop era caused many children to be surrendered because these mothers were given no choices. They were not promised confidentiality. They also never received anything that they signed. It is time to lift the secrecy for all those adopted in the United States. The truth will set them free. It is high time that every American have access to their information. I urge you to please support this bill #113 for equal access for those adopted in your state.

Margaret Susan Hoffman LyBurtus

On Sun, Feb 16, 2020 at 3:27 PM Access Connecticut <[info@accessconnecticut.org](mailto:info@accessconnecticut.org)> wrote:



## Hi Margaret!

Things are moving fast! We are poised to make history in Connecticut by getting one fair and equal policy enacted that restores all adult adoptees' rights to their original birth certificates. It's time to submit testimony! We hope you will join us in helping to put our state on the right side of history this session. Connecticut adoptees are counting on you!

So here's the deal, we've only got one week to submit testimony for this year's bill, [Senate Bill 113](#). Our hearing is next Friday so we need everyone's testimony submitted by Thurs. Feb. 20.

### Here's how:

- **Who:** Email [pdtestimony@cga.ct.gov](mailto:pdtestimony@cga.ct.gov)
- **Subject line:** Support for SB 113
- **CC:** [info@accessconnecticut.org](mailto:info@accessconnecticut.org) (we work with the clerks to ensure every single testimony is surfaced to legislators)
- **Say something like this:** Please support and pass SB 113.
- **Say why you support it:** "I am an adoptee"... "I'm a birth parent"... "I know an adoptee"... "I am related to an adoptee"... or even simply put "I believe all people have a right to information about themselves."
- **Extra credit:** Testimony is most effective when it is in your own words. Write plainly in your own style and voice and be respectful. Share pieces of your story. The personal is powerful. Elaborate with a few sentences or if you'd like more ideas, choose one or more points from our [Position Statement](#) or the list of additional points at the bottom of [this page on our website](#).
- **Pro Tip:** Don't overthink it! Your support is powerful even with only a paragraph or a few sentences. If you need more inspiration, [see other people's testimonies](#) from last year's bill.
- **Complete by next Thursday February 20.** Our hearing is the next day on Friday February 21 so we need all testimonies submitted the day before.
- **For your convenience,** here's a link to any previously submitted testimony you've written. You probably have a copy in your sent folder of your email. Feel free to cut/paste, change the bill number to SB 113 and send away!
  - [Your 2019 Testimony](#).

Thank you so much for all your support and most importantly, for taking action when it counts the most! If there's anything we can do for you, please feel free to respond to this email. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Karen, Cindy, Eileen, Carolyn & Desiree

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I support the rights of adopted people to their original birth certificate.

***42 states do not allow access***