

SB113 needs to be passed into a Law so adoptees born before 1983 can have the same rights as those adoptees born after 1983.

I am an adoptee and I feel my human rights are being violated here in the state of CT and that I am being discriminated against based on the year I was born, I don't think fair, it's not right, and I'd like it changed, and I want you to help me.

As you know all adoptees used to have the same rights once they turn 18, regardless of the year they were born, but in the 70's a law went into effect in CT sealing all OBC permanently never to be opened again for adoptees born before 1983.

The only hope is for SB113 becoming a law. If it does I could have my OBC. Currently I have an altered one, however it states by its seal that it is my original. It is not. I'd like my original one. My birth name would be one it as well as my birth parents names. I believe I have the right to know this information.

It would also allow potential access to my birth mother. I want to meet her if she agrees, legally. Anonymity was never guaranteed when birth mothers gave their babies up for adoption. Currently only 1 out of 2000 birth mothers surveyed, would not want contact. That means 1999 out of 2000 wouldn't mind meeting their birth child. I've pursued 23 & me and found a second cousin, after messaging with him and others we all agreed I looked exactly like them and the DNA matched up, but they were unaware of any female cousin being pregnant in the 60's.

I realized the potential depth of the violation of her privacy if I had found her this way, so I deleted the account. I do not think this is the proper route for anyone to be found. However, I think that adoptees should be able to have contact through the agency they were adopted through. I was adopted through Family & Children Services, Palmer Hill Stamford CT, currently known as DCF, Norwalk. I think a good solution to meeting birth mothers would be to have the agency contact them with a letter containing choices of how much contact if any they would like, and then the agency contacting the adoptee with this information. I'd also like to thank her. It could not have been easy to be a pregnant teenager in the 60's. Abortion was illegal and if she sought out an illegal abortion not only would I be dead, but she could be too, as they were not safe.

Passing SB113 would also allow me current family medical history. I have 3 hereditary conditions, Dyslexia, an Ascending Aortic Aneurysm and had Carcinoid Cancer. I need to know what else I may have a predisposition to. Currently, my insurance co. does not cover hereditary types of testing unless you can prove there is a family history, which I don't know. I feel like a walking time bomb – what's next? What about my kids?

I believe every adoptee should have the same rights, and those born before 1983 should have their rights restored.

Thank you, Alice MacFarland