

Dear Sir or Madam:

I respectfully implore you to finally approve this bill and give all adult adoptees access to their original birth certificates. I am a 65-year-old mother of three and grandmother of five and still am not allowed by the state of Connecticut to know my identity. The state has sole possession of my birth certificate and identity but somehow that right has inexplicably, tragically, and unfairly not been extended to me. It is a yearning of every human to know their roots and identities, and I, my children, and grandchildren, are no different.

To continue to deny this fundamental right to us is grossly unfair and in opposition to the progressive ideals of equality and justice which Connecticut has always represented. As I get ready to retire and enter the final decades of my life, it would be a great gift to finally know my heritage and be able to give my daughters and grandchildren the other 50 and 25 percent, respectively, of theirs. Please, please, please pass this bill.

Thank you for your consideration,

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