

Attention: Committee on Planning and Development  
General Assembly, State of Connecticut

Dear Members,

Please support Senate Bill 113 on Friday, 21 February 2010.

My name is Barbara Montgomery and I am a registered voter in Norwalk, CT. I have been involved with adoption reform since 1991. Adult adoptees do not know their genetic history nor the reason why they were placed for adoption. I am a birthmother of a 53 year old adult son who is my only child. The name of my son on his original birth certificate is Michael Joseph Montgomery. Michael was born on May 7, 1965. It was vitally important Michael be aware of a disease that killed his birth grandfather at 37 and nearly killed his birthmother at 40. I am happy to say after my over 20 year search, Michael and I were reunited Thanksgiving weekend after 9/11. I am relieved Michael now knows his genetic history. And I am relieved Michael was given the life I was promised by Catholic Charities.

Connecticut adult adoptees deserve to have the same basic right given to all Connecticut non-adopted residents. Adult adoptees deserve to know their origin and know their medical history. It is vital not only to their health, but also the health of their children. Adult adoptees are grown adults. They deserve respect and dignity. Now is the time to change unfair, outdated and discriminatory Connecticut law that sealed their true original birth certificates. Non-adopted adults take for granted their access to their original birth certificates, yet they are denying this same right to adult adoptees.

Since the vote will take place next Friday, please call me at 203-326-1164 if you would like to discuss this extremely important Bill 113. It is imperative the bill be passed.

Sincerely,  
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