

Dear Connecticut General Assembly,

I would assume it is a very rare occurrence when as a legislator you, have the opportunity, to render a decision that is bereft of political party partisanship.

S.B. 113 is that opportunity.

The passing of this legislation has no impact on adoptees going forward. As they have access. It has no criminal impact associated with it. Additional or new monitoring is not needed. It only affects a select group of individuals that were previously adopted in the state of Connecticut. For the adoptees that do not want to see their original birth certificate it bears no impact. As they will not seek this information. For the adoptees that want to know, it means everything.

I was born Christmas Day 1965 in New London. I was adopted out through The Village in Hartford. Growing up my adoptive parents did not hide the fact I was adopted and even encouraged me to locate my biological parents.

At the age of 30, I was able to locate my birth mother through the non-identifying information provided. For the next 21 yrs., I had a relationship with her and my sisters until she passed. It has been a very enjoyable experience for all people involved.

I am now at an impasse in my search for my biological father. I did multiple DNA search's and was able to come up with a potential name for my biological father. As this name was not the name my birth mother relayed to me I am somewhat stuck. Anyway, the only way I have now to confirm my research is through potential living relatives on his side, as he is deceased. I do not know if they are aware of me, but they soon will be as I have no recourse. Congratulations it's a boy!

At a minimum having access to the original birth certificate will get me closer to the answer. It will provide me the opportunity to determine my next course of action. I will have options.

I am all for protecting the privacy and rights of the people involved as the information contained on the birth certificate is very sensitive. But, this bill affects people like me. Middle aged. Have a family. Have grandkids. Being able to respectfully handle what is contained on the birth certificate would be of top priority.

Passing of this legislation to allow people like myself to fill in the blanks of their lives which would be greatly appreciated.

Please support S.B. 113

Thank you for your time.

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