

I am writing to you on behalf of the Village for Families and Children, a nonprofit agency located in Hartford, serving children and their families. The Village has a long history of providing adoption services to children, birth families and adoptive families as well. Based on our experience with adoption, I am writing to respectfully request your support of Senate Bill 113 which would restore the right of adult adoptees born and adopted **before** October 1, 1983 to obtain their original birth certificate. This would extend the right granted to **post**-1983 adoptees in 2014 under Public Act 14-133.

While we recognize that adoption can be an emotional experience for birth parents, we believe that adult adoptees have a fundamental right to access their true, original birth certificates. Senate Bill 113 will end the discriminatory treatment of adoptees that currently denies adult adoptees born and adopted before October 1, 1983 access to their true, original birth certificates - a right that all non-adopted individuals and those adopted **after** 1983 currently enjoy. We are requesting your support to help ensure that SB113 gets passed this session.

Thank-you for your consideration and support.
Sincerely,

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