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Midrash

Senate Bill 113

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of 'r kids, Inc., a New Haven based not for profit, whose mission is permanency, safety and stability for vulnerable children and their families, we strongly encourage the legislature to support the passage of S.B. 113. Our Board and staff have consisted of adult adoptees, who do not have their original birth certificates, adoptive parents who could not get their children's birth certificates and foster parents who actually did know the birth parents through visitation schedules prior to their children becoming available for adoption!

Our team believes every adult has the inherent right to know their biological history, if not familial in relationship. As a CT licensed Child Placing agency, there are no forms signed protecting biological parents' rights to anonymity.

We believe the right to access original birth certificates to those adoptees upon reaching the age of maturity should be applied retroactively. This bill has the ability to provide all adults in CT, including those adopted in CT, with equal rights.

We encourage you to vote favorably on this critical bill, S.B. 113

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Director

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