

Delegate Luke Clippinger
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee Maryland General Assembly
House Office Building, Room 101 Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Senator William C. Smith, Jr.
Chairman, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee Maryland General Assembly
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB1039/SB0743

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Chairman Smith:

I urge lawmakers to pass the bill allowing adoptees access to their original birth certificates. I think adoptees are discriminated against by not allowing them access to their biological information. I can't imagine going to the doctor and have to leave blank space for family medical history. I can't imagine having a conversation with a group of friends discussing their ancestors' roots and not being able to join in. I cannot think of a more basic right than your own birth certificate!

Thank you for considering this bill and I hope your heart tells you it's the right thing to do.
Sincerely,

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