

# HF1778 (Elkins) • SF1279 (Maye Quade)

Coordinated by Minnesota Coalition for Adoption Reform and Adoptee Rights Law Center

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**Gregory Luce.** Mr. Luce is a resident of Minneapolis, the executive director of Adoptees United Inc., and the founder of Adoptee Rights Law Center, a nationally recognized legal center dedicated to securing equal rights of all adopted people. He was born and adopted in the District of Columbia.

**Penelope Needham.** Ms. Needham is a retired teacher and a long-time advocate and volunteer with the Minnesota Coalition for Adoption Reform, an organization dedicated to equality for all Minnesota adoptees. She is a Minnesota-born adoptee and resides in Bloomington, Minnesota.

### Organizational Letters of Support (alphabetically)

American Academy of Adoption & ART Attorneys  
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Adoptees United Inc.\*

American Adoption Congress

Capitol Coalition for Adoptee Rights\*

Catholic Mothers for Truth & Transparency

Concerned United Birthparents

Louisiana Coalition for Adoption Reform\*

Minnesota Coalition for Adoption Reform

Mothers for Open Records Everywhere

National Center on Adoption and Permanency

New England Adoptee Rights Coalition\*

New York Adoptee Rights Coalition\*

North American Council on Adoptable Children

Texas Adoptee Rights Coalition\*

\*Joint letter endorsed by the organization



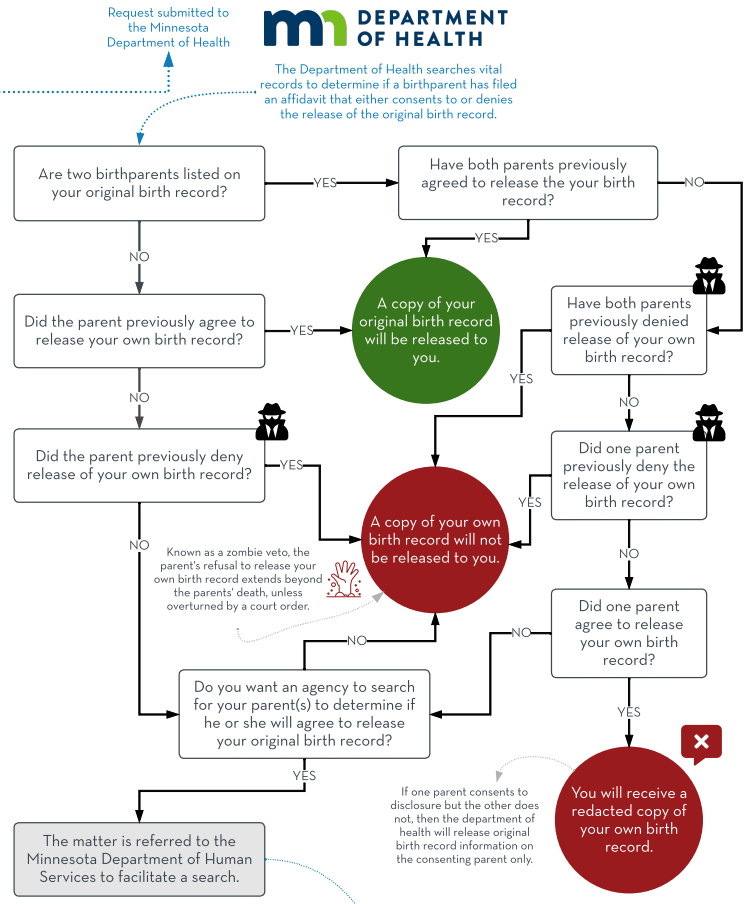
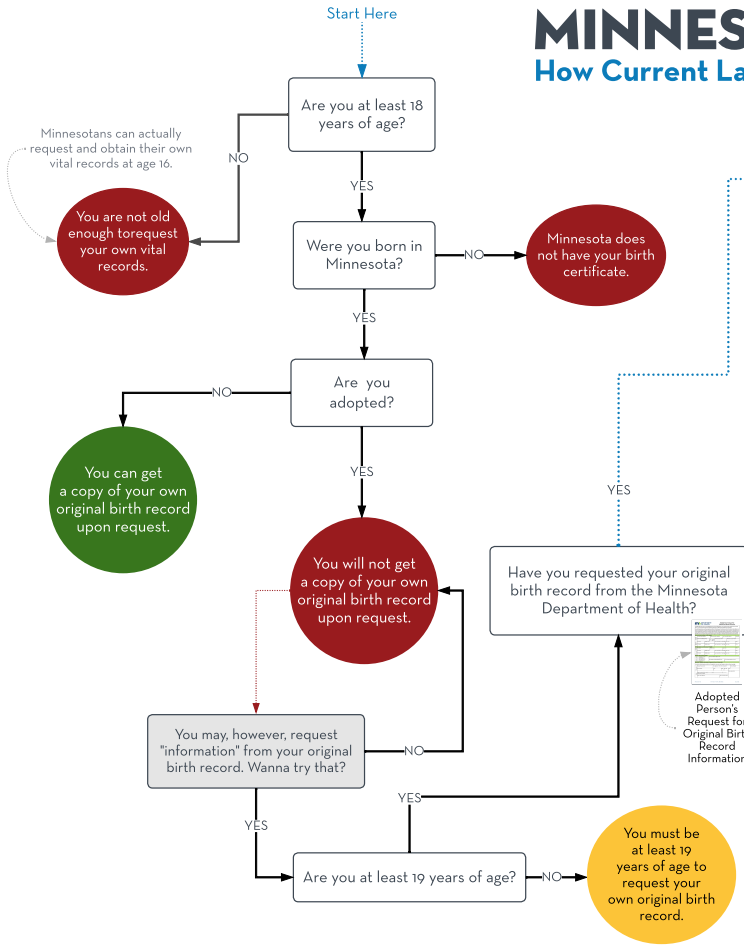
**Adoptee Rights Law Center**

# MINNESOTA

## How Current Law Works



The Department of Health searches vital records to determine if a birthparent has filed an affidavit that either consents to or denies the release of the original birth record.



Minnesota was one of the first states in the country to create a "confidential intermediary system" that put adoption agencies in charge of facilitating paid searches to determine if an adopted person may receive his or her own original birth record. The law is now considered one of the most complex and discriminatory birth record laws in the United States.

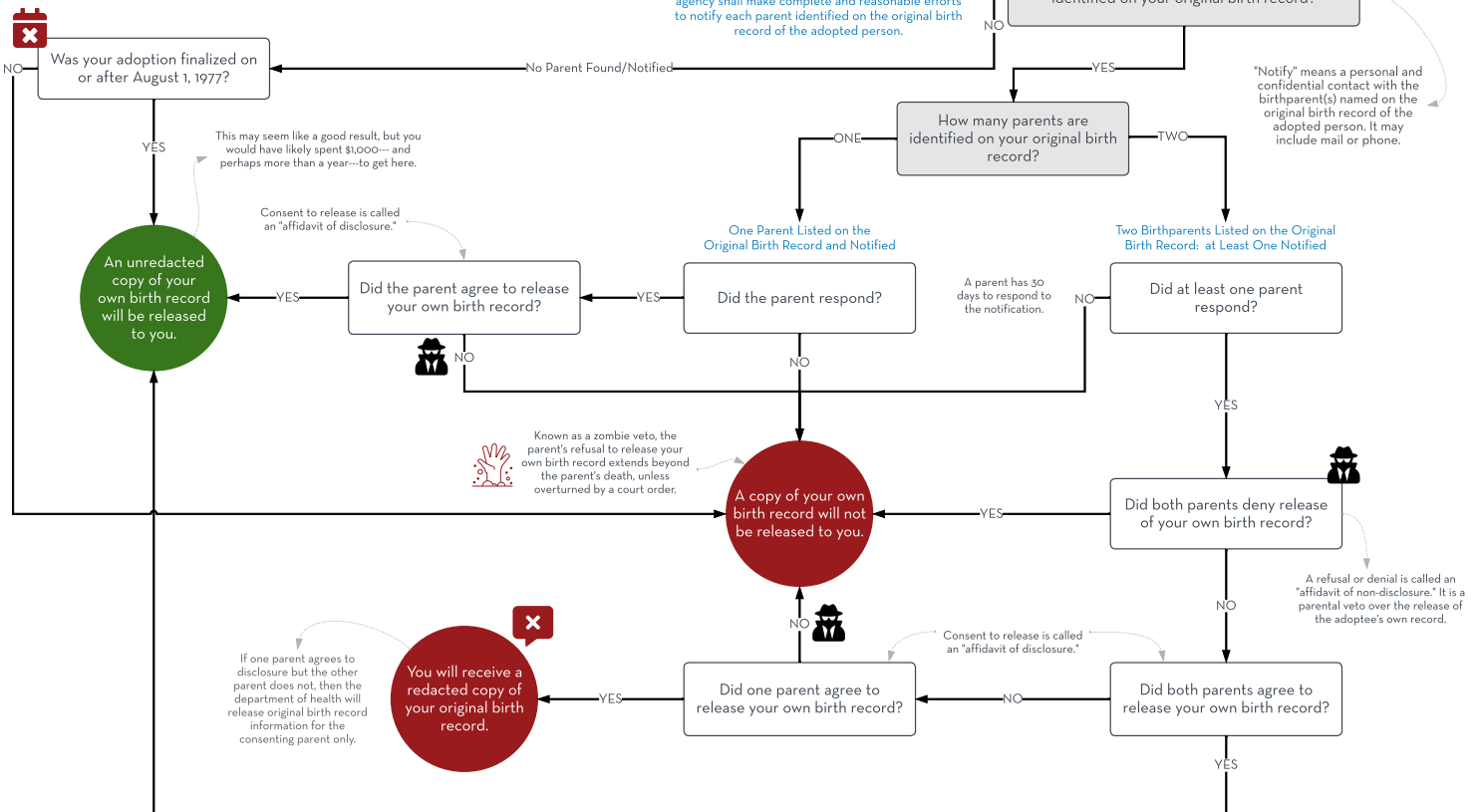


Since the law went into effect in 1977, more than 1,300 birthparents have filed "affidavits of non-disclosure," permission forms that are used to veto the release of an adopted person's own original birth record. It is the largest reported number of disclosure vetoes filed in any state in the U.S.



Within six months after receiving notice of the request of the adopted person, the commissioner of human services' agent or a licensed child-placing agency shall make complete and reasonable efforts to notify each parent identified on the original birth record of the adopted person.

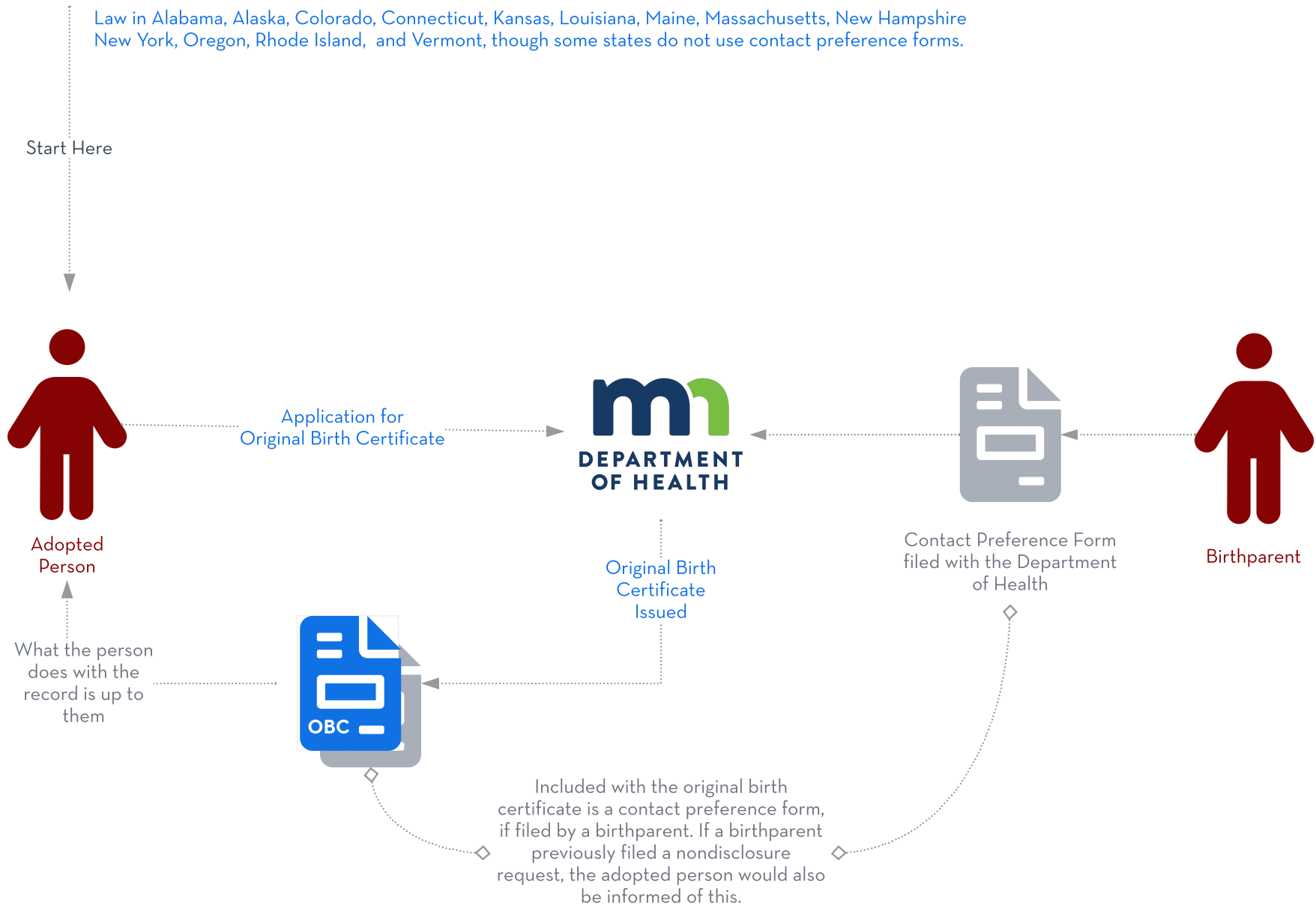
"Reasonable fees" may be charged for searching. Current fees are generally between \$500 and \$1,200.



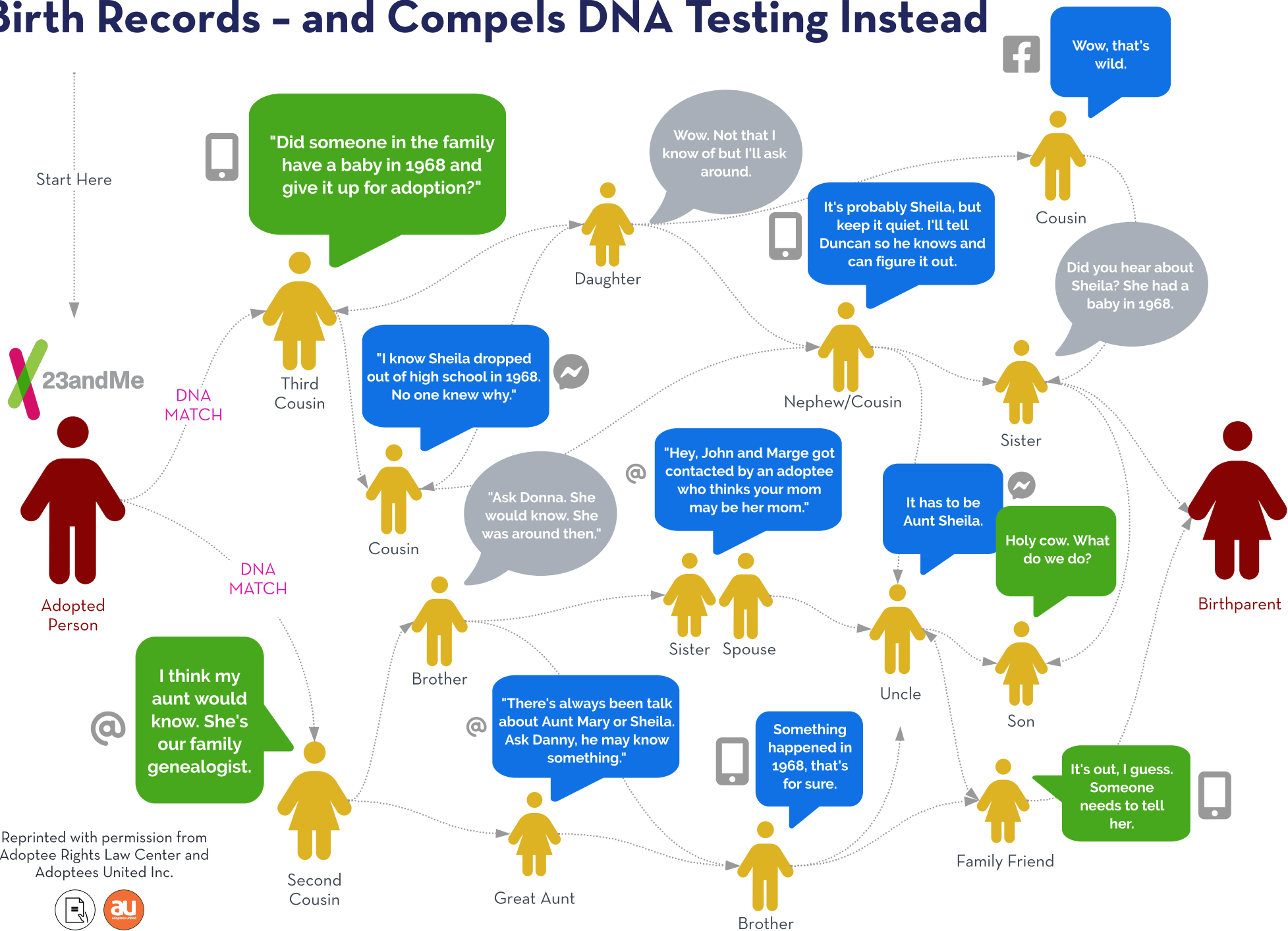
# When Adult Adopted People Have a Right to Request and Obtain their Own Birth Records

**HF1778/SF1279**

Law in Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Vermont, though some states do not use contact preference forms.



# When Minnesota Denies Adoptees Their Own Birth Records - and Compels DNA Testing Instead



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March 13, 2023

Dear Rep. Steve Elkins and Sen. Erin Maye Quade,

I'm writing to express the support of the Minnesota Coalition for Adoption Reform (MCAR) for HF 1778/ SF 1279 - adult adoptee access to their original birth records. MCAR supports legislation that will restore unrestricted access to original birth certificates for all adult adoptees born in Minnesota.

The Minnesota Coalition for Adoption Reform (MCAR) is a non-partisan, non-profit coalition of adopted persons, adoptive parents, birthparents, and adoption professionals promoting systemic reforms to adoption law and practice. MCAR is committed to restoring the right of all adult adopted persons to unrestricted access of their own original birth certificates - a right removed from Minnesota-born adopted persons in 1939.

Minnesota Coalition for Adoption Reform participated in a months-long conversation initiated by Children's Home Society and facilitated by the Citizens League of Minnesota involving representatives from adoption agencies, state agencies, birth parents, and other stakeholders. HF 1778/ SF 1279 is a direct result of those discussions.

We ask you to support the passage of HF 1778 / SF 1279.

Sincerely,

Penelope Needham  
Board Member  
Minnesota Coalition for Adoption Reform



Minnesota State Senator Erin K. Maye Quade (56, DFL)  
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St. Paul, MN 55155

Rep. Steve Elkins (DFL) District: 50B  
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February 23, 2023

Senator Maye Quade and Representative Elkins,

This statement is furnished to express support by the [American Adoption Congress](#) for Minnesota [SF1279](#) / [HF1778](#) ([as introduced](#)). We thank you, Senator Maye Quade and Rep. Elkins, for chief authoring this bill. When enacted, this vital human and civil rights proposal will:

- **Restore unrestricted access** to original birth certificates (OBC) for all adult adopted persons; or, as needed, to “Birth parent identifying information” (age 18 and above)
- **Dismantle** Minnesota’s 46-year-old discriminatory and byzantine intermediary system
- **Establish access** for a “Person related to the adopted person” and legal representatives
- **Allow for** nonbinding contact preferences

Adults of Minnesota have the legal right to obtain their original birth certificate, unless they are adopted. The American Adoption Congress feels that now Minnesota is poised to join the thirteen other states with unrestricted access policy. **This belief is consistent with our [formal legislative policy](#) for clean adoption reform.**

Further, we expect that the proper reform in Minnesota will help lead other states to enact proper reform. The time is now. The right to know one’s identity is a human right that should not be incrementally bestowed or denied to any American.

Birth parents were not promised lifelong anonymity from the daughters and sons they surrendered for adoption. There is no law that legally guarantees anonymity to birth parents or birth families. These, and the various other arguments offered by opponents to reform have been thoroughly refuted with constructive results in other states.

The American Adoption Congress began in 1978. The group officially formed the American Adoption Congress in 1980 with the goal of championing adoptee rights, with emphasis on gaining universal access to original birth certificates for adoptees. The AAC incorporated in 1981 and has been a 501(c)(3), registered in the state of Missouri, since 1982.

The American Adoption Congress is an allied advocate to the [Minnesota Coalition for Adoption Reform](#)

We hope this statement may assist and we thank you for your efforts to restore adoptee equality in the Gopher State.

Respectfully,

*Tim*

Tim Monti-Wohlpart  
American Adoption Congress  
National Legislative Chair

.cc [Minnesota Coalition for Adoption Reform](#)



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February 22, 2023

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Re: H.F. 1778/S.F. 1279

Dear Representative Elkins and Senator Maye Quade:

On behalf of the Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys ("AAAA"), we are writing to express support for H.B. 1778/S.F. 1279.

The Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys is a national organization dedicated to the competent and ethical practice of adoption and assisted reproduction law, and advocates for the improvement of adoption laws and practices. It plays a leading role in the development of laws, policies, and practices designed to benefit the lives of all members of the adoption triad and in the advancement of a better understanding of the meaning and importance of adoption for society in general.

In January 2018, AAAA approved a resolution that provides in part:

The Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys supports the inherent rights of adult adopted persons to their personal biological family information and to have access to their:

1. original birth certificates;
2. agency records which relate to them and their biological family; and
3. court records of their adoption.

Consistent with AAAA's resolution, which also commits to taking action to promote the revision of laws and policies governing the rights of adopted persons to information regarding their personal history, AAAA supports H.B. 1778/S.F. 1279 and urges its passage in both the House and Senate.

If we can be of assistance in advocating for this bill before any committees, we are happy to assist in arranging for local AAAA Fellows to testify on behalf of our Academy.

Respectfully,

Jenny L. Womack, Esq.  
President

Debra E. Guston, Esq.  
Adoption Director



March 6, 2023

The Honorable Tina Liebling  
Chair, Health Finance and Policy Committee  
Minnesota House of Representatives  
477 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

**RE: HF1778 (ELKINS): FAVORABLE REPORT**

Dear Chair Liebling and Members of the Committee:

I am an attorney and the founder of the Minneapolis-based Adoptee Rights Law Center. I have represented and advised hundreds of adopted people in Minnesota and across the country on issues involving identity documents, birth records, and US citizenship. I have also testified for and helped to draft numerous policy statements and bills, some of which have ultimately become law in a number of states. I am considered a national expert on the issue raised by HF1778. Most importantly, I am an adopted person and a long-time Minnesota resident.

Three issues are critical to understand HF1778:

1. What is this bill really about?
2. Who do we trust, if we do not trust adults?
3. What does it mean when we do not trust adult adopted people like me?

This issue, at its core, is about one piece of paper: an adult adopted person's original birth certificate. I received my own original birth record a little more than two years ago, but it took me twenty years to get it, five years of which were spent in a trial court and up and down from a court of appeals. I had to use such extraordinary measures to get my own birth record even though I knew everything listed on that piece of paper. That is, even though I held my birthmother's hand and whispered into her ear shortly before she died in her home in Florida twenty-two years ago this month, I still could not obtain my own record upon request. That record simply verified that I was born to her in 1965.



For the last two decades, thousands of adopted people in Alabama have requested their own original birth records, paid a small fee, and in a few weeks they receive a copy of their own original birth record in the mail. More than 20,000 New York adoptees in the last three years have requested their original birth records, and they are receiving them as we speak. Just this past year, Louisiana-born adopted people are now receiving their own records, again by application, payment of a fee, and arrival of the record within a few weeks. This is the same for Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Colorado, and in Oregon more than 12,000 adopted people have received their original birth records since 2001, without restriction or any reported incidents. Needless to say, Alaska and Kansas have always done this—there has never been any restriction imposed upon an adopted person in Alaska and Kansas other than you must be an adult. And with all these states no known issues have been reported other than how long it may take to get your birth record in the mail. That is the only complaint from anyone I have ever heard.

**These laws work.** These laws are necessary because they are, at their core, about the autonomy and equality of all people, but specifically adopted people like me. In restoring autonomy and equality to possess your own birth record as an adult, the world has not fallen apart, adoption has not suffered, and lives have not been ruined. When a birth record has been provided to the adult named on it, it is a simple and powerful acknowledgement of who we are. But there is also genuine relief that the myths, the secrets, the shame embedded into our adoptions long ago can finally be addressed truthfully and fully and in a way that almost all people are trusted to do on their own. That is, the people involved in this issue are best able to deal with their own truths honestly.

**This issue is about trust.** It is about treating people like me as adults. It is about finally refusing to treat the tens of thousands of Minnesota-born adopted people as perpetual children who must appear in court, participate in a byzantine and expensive process, or come to the legislature year after year to plead for our own birth documents—our own single page of truth. Yet this is at least the twenty-fourth legislative session we have been before you.

Current law in Minnesota requires that whenever an adopted person requests their birth record, the state, through its licensed adoption agencies, is authorized to track down birthparents to see what they think. It's what's known as Search and Reunion, which front-loads contact between people instead of providing simple information. This system—which is illustrated by a chart provided in the committee's packet—comes at great financial expense to the adult adopted person, with required adoption agency search fees approaching more than \$1,000. And the search mechanisms used to track those birthparents down—while not fully documented—is no doubt extensive and likely

involves use of public directories, online databases, motor vehicle records; marriage and death certificates; occupational licensing records; divorce records and court records. It is, as the vital records registrar in Minnesota once said, highly disruptive when you front-load the issue so that it is about search and reunion rather than autonomy and equality.

Ultimately, and I cannot stress this enough, this issue is not about search or reunion. This is not about how we should tweak a complex and broken state system used to facilitate searching. This is about equality as people, and we should be trusted with our own information, as you are trusted with yours..

Given that background, let's be clear about what this issue is about. It is about equal rights and the trust required of individuals exercising those rights. It is about whether you trust the adopted people who have met with you over the last few weeks, the adopted people across Minnesota and in your district, the six million adopted people here in the United States who are your brothers, nieces, uncles, bosses, employees, and friends, if not your children, your parents, and your grandparents.

We ask for the same trust you have in your own family and that you have for your fellow Minnesotans in regulating their own personal affairs as adults. We ask that you restore a right every adopted person in the United States once had: the right to request and obtain a copy of their own original birth certificates. We ask that you restore the same procedures everyone follows in the United States to get their own birth records—everyone, that is, except people like me.

I ask for your favorable report of HF1778 out of committee. It's past time to get this issue right. Let's work to make all of us equal to all of you.

Best regards,

**ADOPTEE RIGHTS LAW CENTER PLLC**



Gregory D. Luce



March 2, 2023

The Honorable Tina Liebling  
House Committee on Health Finance and Policy

The Honorable Ron Latz  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety

**RE: SUPPORT FOR HF1778 (ELKINS) AND SF1279 (MAYE QUADE)**

Dear Chair Liebling, Chair Latz and Respective Committee Members:

We are leaders of adoptee rights organizations and coalitions across the country. Collectively we represent hundreds of thousands of adult adopted people who seek one basic truth: the truth of their own births, documented by their own original birth certificates.

We join with national and Minnesota-based organizations, adoptees, and allied supporters to request a DO PASS vote on HF1778/SF1279 when it is heard in committee. It is a common sense bill that greatly simplifies current law and restores a right that all Minnesota-born people once had. On behalf of our organizations and constituents, we ask for your support of HF1778/SF1279.

Best regards,

**ADOPTees UNITED INC.**

C.S. Wright, Board President

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Elle Lane, Spokesperson

**LOUISIANA COALITION FOR ADOPTION REFORM**

Kenny Tucker, Vice President

cc: Rep. Steve Elkins  
Sen. Erin Maye Quade



February 18, 2023

Re: Support for SF1279/H1778

Honorable Senator Ron Latz, Chairman, Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

Honorable Representative Tina Liebling, Chair, House Health Policy and Finance Committee

Dear Senator Latz, Representative Liebling, and Members of the House and Senate Committees:

The National Center on Adoption and Permanency (NCAP) is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit educational organization dedicated to improving laws, policies and practices – based on the best available research and experience – so that they enable all children and their families to succeed. This correspondence, in strong support of SF1279/H1778, is intended to explain the state of professional knowledge on a key issue in our field: the availability (or lack thereof) of original birth certificates to adopted persons once they reach the age of majority.

I will keep this letter brief, as I'm sure you already have received a great amount of information from all sides. NCAP can provide any additional research, resources, interviews or other information that you might want, and would be delighted to address any questions you may encounter.

In short, research consistently shows that sealed birth certificates are an anachronism born of society's desire to protect the reputations of adoptees and their adoptive families at a time when unwed mothers were severely stigmatized and the children born to them were denigrated as "bastards." Indeed, birth certificates were often stamped with the word "illegitimate." Over time, the cultural rationale has shifted to maintaining the anonymity of birth mothers.

- Nearly all available evidence indicates that birth mothers – while sometimes wanting privacy from others – rarely want anonymity from the children they bore; that they favor adoptee access to their birth certificates; and, contrary to popular perception, that they were *not* legally assured of anonymity.
- A growing number of states have enacted "clean" bills such as the one you are considering, which aim to grant adult adoptees the same rights as their non-adopted peers by restoring access to their original birth certificates – and *none* of the negative consequences that critics had predicted have come to pass *anywhere*.
- The unambiguous conclusion from a growing body of research is that greater knowledge about their histories (biological and personal) yields better outcomes for adoptees and their families. That is why, in both professional practice and new statutes throughout the U.S., the singular trend is toward increased disclosure.
- A few adoption practitioners, and organizations representing them, still advocate for closure – sometimes by confusing "anonymity" and "privacy" or by misunderstanding complex aspects of adoption, such as its connection to abortion – but these practitioners represent a small and shrinking minority in the field.

I hope these comments are useful as you plan for passage of SF1279/H1778– which, based on both the evidence and long experience, NCAP strongly supports. Please feel free to contact me at [apertman@ncap.us.org](mailto:apertman@ncap.us.org) or 617-332-8944 if you have questions or need more information. Thank you for your attention and your important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam Pertman".

Adam Pertman, President, National Center on Adoption and Permanency



March 5, 2023

Dear Rep. Steve Elkins and Sen. Erin Maye Quade:

I'm writing to express the support of the North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC) for MN HF1778, the Act, to revise certain provisions related to the sealing of adoption records in Minnesota. A bill for an act relating to adoption, modifying provisions governing adult adoptee access to their original birth records and other adoption-related information. NACAC supports legislation that will restore unrestricted access to original birth certificates for all adult adoptees and establish access for the descendants and other relatives in cases where the adopted person has died.

Founded in 1974 by adoptive parents, NACAC is committed to meeting the needs of waiting children and adoptive families, and other members of the adoption constellation. NACAC supports adoptive parents, prospective adopters, young people who were in foster care or adopted, and child welfare professionals to ensure permanency for children. We serve individuals and organizations all around the US and Canada, including in Texas.

NACAC has long supported the right of adoptees to have access to their original birth certificates. As our position statement below reflects, NACAC continues to believe that adoptees are well served by accessing information about their birth families and are entitled to that information as a basic human and civil right.

### **Philosophy**

NACAC believes that every adopted person has the right, at the age of majority or legal emancipation, to receive personal information about his or her birth, foster, and adoption history, including medical information and educational and social history. NACAC supports the efforts of adoptees to have access to information about and connections with their birth and foster families. NACAC supports adoptees' efforts to find birth family connections through DNA registries.

### **Policy and Practice Recommendations**

NACAC believes it is the responsibility of states, provinces, and all child-placing agencies to create, support, and adequately fund adoption disclosure registries that actively seek birth relatives or adoptees upon registration of any of these parties. If such active registries are not available, NACAC supports voluntary mutual consent registries for adults as one way for

adoptees to access information.

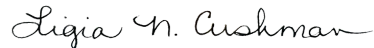
Recognizing that many adult adoptees need complete information about their birth families, NACAC supports their right to this information and supports access to original birth certificates for any adult adoptee at the age of majority.

Upon a showing of good cause, courts should have the authority to require disclosure of adoption information and birth records to adoptees, birth family members, and adoptive family members. States, provinces, and agencies must preserve birth and adoption records safely and accessibly for future retrieval.

In the last few decades, adoption has changed dramatically. Almost all adoptions have some form of openness as we have learned about how important their history and background is to children who have lost their first families. Adoptive families and adoptees recognize the importance of adoptees' knowing about their past and know that this information can be critical to helping individuals thrive.

We encourage you to support the passage of MN HF1778 so adoptees can have this fundamental human right— access to important information about themselves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ligia N. Cushman".

Ligia N. Cushman, MA  
Executive Director



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## **In support of MN- HB 1778/ SB 1279 RESTORING ACCESS TO ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR MINNESOTA-BORN ADULT ADOPTED PEOPLE**

February 16, 2023

To Distinguished Members of the Minnesota Legislature,

On behalf of Concerned United Birthparents (CUB), we thank you for the opportunity to submit this statement in **strong support** of HB 1778/SB 1279, which would restore access to original birth certificates for Minnesota born adult adopted people as it is currently written, without any amendments.

**CUB supports adult adoptees' right to access their records, without restrictions or qualifications.** Knowing one's identity is a civil right which is being consistently abused by the practice of sealed records adoptions. All human beings have the right to know their original identity which includes their genetic roots, their medical history and biological history. While the vast majority of birthparents want to be reunited with their adult children, in the end, this is not relevant. **An adoptee's right to his or her birth certificate is absolute.**

CUB was founded in 1976. We are an organization developed to support parents who have lost children to adoption. We are known for our tireless work in adoption reform for more than forty years. For too many of these years, lawmakers have spoken for us without asking our opinion, and made assumptions about us without examining the evidence. They assume we don't want a voice; we don't want a choice; and we are happy in the shadows. We are not. This misguided attempt to "protect our privacy" actually perpetuates the shame that was originally inflicted on us by a society that rejected us as women and mothers. We are silent no longer. The myth of confidentiality promised to a birthparent, is often used to oppose open records. That premise is ludicrous. Since "we" are the population being spoken for, we would like to set the record straight once and for all. Birthparents were never promised confidentiality, nor did we ask for it. Please refer to the research done by Elizabeth J. Samuels, professor of law at the University of Maryland who [submitted recent testimony](#) for Connecticut. (*Surrender and Subordination: Birth Mothers and Adoption Law Reform*, 20 Mich. J. Gender & L. 33 (2013)). There has never been a single document presented that supports this myth of confidentiality. The experience of other states that have opened their records indicates that more than 99 percent of birthparents are open to contact by their surrendered sons and daughters.

For those still concerned about "protecting our privacy," consumer DNA testing makes public exposure of birth parents much more likely than providing an adoptee with his original birth certificate. An adoptee with his original birth certificate (and his birth parent's name) can make a sensitive, personal and private contact, which we prefer. An adoptee who takes a DNA test has revealed the birth parent's identity to every biological relative who also took a DNA test. These relatives learn about a birth parent's status before the birth parent knows he or she is being sought. On a purely practical level, original birth certificate access is the better and more private option.

Sincerely,

Deborah Myers, President  
Concerned United Birthparents, Inc.  
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Senator Maye Quade and Representative Elkins,

I, along with 1,365 other mothers of adoption loss (list enclosed), support SF1279/HF1778 that would provide Access to an Adopted Person's Original Birth Certificate in its current form. My name is Karen Wilson-Buterbaugh. In 1966, at age 17, I was removed from school and dropped off at a maternity home to serve time as an "inmate" for my sin of "unwed" pregnancy.

Besides my first hand experience of unwillingly having my child taken from me for adoption, I offer an additional expertise to you. I am both a researcher and a published author. I founded the Baby Scoop Era Research Initiative (BSERI) in 2007. We are dedicated to research, education and inquiry into the period of American adoption history known as the Baby Scoop Era and we are established on principles of historical accuracy, truth and justice.

For your reference, the Baby Scoop Era was a period in United States history starting the end of World War II through 1972, characterized by an increased rate of premarital pregnancies (due solely to population increase) over the preceding period, along with a higher rate of newborn adoptions. From approximately 1945 through 1972, it is estimated that possibly as many as 1.5 million mothers in the United States were pressured to surrender their newborn babies to adoption. Maternity reformatories, institutionally induced guilt, psychoanalytic explanations for single motherhood, and coercive adoption practices became a brief footnote in American social history, except to the marginalized mothers who survived these abusive and unethical practices. These women carried into their adult lives unaddressed burdens of worry, pain and a corrosive secret. The injurious effects of social work practice of these years are very much alive in the lives of millions of American women, including myself.

There are very few organizations that oppose open records today but those that do often claim they are protecting the privacy of natural mothers. As part of my research, we have amassed a list of women who publicly endorse a declaration that they were (a) never 'promised confidentiality' and (b) they completely support allowing adult adopted persons to access their original birth certificates. I hope you pass SF1279/HF1778 in their current form. All adult adoptees should be treated equally and have unrestricted rights to their own original birth certificates.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Karen Wilson-Buterbaugh  
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Mothers for Open Records Everywhere (M.O.R.E)  
mothersforopenrecords@gmail.com



**Mothers for Open Records Everywhere (M.O.R.E.)**

The following is a list of women who lost children to adoption during the Baby Scoop Era along with the year and state in which the relinquishment occurred. By signing the petition, they have endorsed the following declaration:

***We, mothers separated from our children by adoption, hereby state publicly and unequivocally that we fully support open records for adult adoptees. We further state publicly and unequivocally that we were NEVER promised privacy or confidentiality, either verbally or in writing, at any time prior to, during, or after the surrender of our children to adoption.***

Count: 1,365

Abbagale Hixson, TN 1974	Halcyon Ahearn, DC 1966	Mary Anne Porter, NY 1968
Abby Genovaldi, IL 1965	Harriet Person, WA 1976	Mary Baird, OH 1976
Abby Genovaldi, IL 1966	Harriet Schwartz-Pereira, NY 1970	Mary Beth Kom, NY 1968
Aileen Brown, WI 1983	Heather Johnson, WA 1985	Mary Beth Regelman, MN 1973
Alan E. Butler, OH 1969	Heather McClane, AK 1984	Mary Block, TX 1978
Alana Miller, NC 1971	Heather McClane, AK 1987	Mary Boothe-Wert, VA 1979
Alcye Tyree, CA 1970	Heidi Carrico, GA 1986	Mary Bowman, CO 1976
Alice Allmon, NY 1982	Heidi Carrico, TX 1982	Mary C. Evans, NY 1962
Alice Chambers, TX 1968	Helen Dudek (nee Hauser), NY 1959	Mary Cave, MN 1978
Alice Cusaac, NC 1974	Helen Edmison, MN 1990	Mary Clingenpeel, VA 1973
Alisa Brerese, MD 1973	Helen Martin Monroe, AR 1945	Mary Clingenpeel, VA 1975
Alison Weber, TX 2000	Helen Tobler, CA 1958	Mary Cople, PA 1970
Allie Mozzone, KY 1973	Hilah Hoskins, NY 1975	Mary Cumming, TX 1965
Amanda Bandy, CO 1978	Hilary Larkin, NY 1971	Mary Elizabeth Martin, OK 1950
Amy Fuller Pla, GA 1962	Holly Carhart, PA 1984	Mary Ellen Trapp, MI 1969
Amy K. Brown, TX 1999	Holly Clare, NY 1970	Mary Gibeault, MA 1975
Anastasia Cope, GA 2000	Holly Osborn, TX 1998	Mary Gilliam, CO 1984
Andora Herring Velez, GA 1967	Holly Reinke, MN 1975	Mary Grace Willis, NC 1958
Andora Herring Velez, PA 1968	Holly, OK 1983	Mary Hicks, LA 1968
Andrea Scott, CT 1979	Hope Carter, NY 1981	Mary Hogan, UT 1972
Anella Kogut, TX 1982	Ilene Fell, NY 1970	Mary Jane Hagofsky, NC 1980
Angel Ernst, OH 1987	Ilene Wood, CA 1969	Mary Jane Lyons, NH 1999
Angela Gnann, KS 1977	Ilona Brown, NY 1964	Mary Jo Pruitt, SC 1971
Angela Harris, IN 1972	Irene Allen, TX 1967	Mary Lease, OR 1984
Angela Harris, IN 1974	Irene Fara, NY 1956	Mary Lee Swan, IN 1960
Angela Smith, NC 1979	Irene Gendron, NJ 1969	Mary Lindsey, NY 1970
Angela Smith, VA 2000	Irene Kethan, MI 1972	Mary Lynne Cumming, TX 1965
Angela Tullis, AL 1987	Irene Sherrell, TX 1958	Mary Lynne Smith, CA 1961
Angela Varney, OH	Irma Garcia, CA 1965	Mary Margaret (Gerace) Stevenson, TX 1977
Anita Collins, MA 1970	Ivey Stapleton, LA 1979	Mary McCann, VA 1977
Anita Knight, OH 1970	J. Dudley-Robnett, WA 1980	Mary McCann, VA 1977
Ann Henry, MA	J. Tomczak, NY 1970	Mary McKeon, NJ 1980
Ann Medlock, VA 1954	Jackie Dresback, ID 1976	Mary Miller, NY 1968
Ann Panetta, NY 1978	Jackie Gregory, WA 1985	Mary O'Loughlin, MA 1968
Ann Seagraves, KY 1980	Jacqueline Guinan, PA 1968	Mary Owens, MD 1975
Anne Cote Morris, NY 1977	Jacqueline Horan, PA 1983	Mary Rigotti, NY 1979
Anne Dryman, FL 1965	Jaimee Stuchell, WV 1999	Mary Romelle Murphy, WI 1969
Anne Hodges, NY 1963	James Crossen, CA 1955	Mary Ross, IL 1970
Anne M. Schmitt, NY 1962	Jamie Katz-Ridlon, CA 1990	Mary Schmit, WI 1968
Anne Marie Nicholas, CO 1970	Jamison Carter, IL 1973	Mary Stout, CA 1981
Anne Morris, NY 1977	Jan Baker, WA 1969	

Anne Moxley, MA 1968	Jan Coon, TX 1968	Mary Terrell, PA 1970
Annette Bangs, TX 1973	Jan Holman, MN 1967	Mary Varco, MI 1970
Annette Hartley, OH 1972	Jan Lankford, LA 1970	Mary Wendt, MN 1966
Annie Galbraith, NJ 1969	Jan McAlister, OR 1968	MaryLou Parks, NY 1968
Annie Mae Edward, SC 1958	Jan Myers, VA 1967	Maura Cramer, MA 1971
April Buchanan, NE 1981	Jan Ojers, TX 1970	Maureen H. Eurell, NY 1969
Arlene Rose, WA 1966	Jan Schultz, IL 1969	Maureen McNamara, WA 1972
Ashley, MI 2000	Jan Wolfe-McAlister, OR 1968	Mayre Thompson, KY 1978
Audrey Carter, NY 1982	Jane Edwards, CA 1966	Meg Jenks, PA 1971
Audrey G. Osipow, NJ 1964	Jane Moyo, MA 1986	Melanie Bryce, CA 1973
Audrey McVean, DC 1962	Jane Oakley, VA 1983	Melanie Lewis, OK 1983
Audrey Osipow, NJ 1964	Jane Parker, PA 1967	Melinda Dattilio, WV 1991
B. Merrifield, MI 1962	Jane Schindler, TX 1967	Melissa Cornett, OH 1983
Barbara Arlen, OR 1966	Jane Wells, GA 1981	Melissa Schwabach, WI 1981
Barbara Asher-Ollis, OK 1981	Janeice Simmons, TX 1986	Memory Mann, CA 1967
Barbara Carawan, LA 1979	Janet Buffington, DE 1970	Menda Hayden, CA 1976
Barbara Coleman, NJ 1962	Janet McDonald, MI 1967	Michele Jereaux, WA 1984
Barbara Crom, NE 1997	Janet Romano, RI 1969	Michele Rice, OH 1970
Barbara Egli, IL 1989	Janice Adar, NY 1965	Michele Rodewald, TX 1988
Barbara Franks-Morra, OH 1969	Janice Barnes, IN 1966	Michelle Bisacchi, CA 1985
Barbara Frechette, MI 1983	Janice Brewer, NC 1971	Michelle Cavanaugh, PA 1981
Barbara Hanks Trevey, VA 1970	Janice Crane, CA 1995	Michelle Dzurainin, OH
Barbara Johnson, CA 1984	Janice Harris, CA 1979	Michelle Gaarder, CA 1988
Barbara Lee, SC 1965	Janice Harris, CA 1980	Michelle Jernigan, AL
Barbara McKelvy, TX 1970	Janice Hayden, TX 1989	Michelle Styles, CA 1984
Barbara Murray, CA 1970	Janie Gies, WA 1998	Michiko Pasto, AZ 1983
Barbara O'Brien Smith, PA 1968	Janie Lee Drummond, FL	Mildred Mason, MI 1932
Barbara Pasternak, NY	Janine Reese, PA 1972	Mimi Janes, CA 1971
Barbara Posternak, NY 1959	Janis Bennett-Salcas, OH 1974	Mimi Janes, CA 1979
Barbara Salisbury, IA 1972	Janis Osborne, CA 1969	Missi Evans-Miller, WV 1988
Barbara Seeger, GA 1963	Jayi Presley, MI 1979	Missi Miller, VA 1988
Barbara Seeger, GA 1963	Jean Fendt, WI 1971	Mitzi D. Harville, AL 1978
Barbara Trevey, VA 1970	Jean Irwin, MI	Molly Green, FL 1962
Barbara Troupe, PA 2000	Jean Olson Lewis, WI 1965	Mona Ismail, NE 1985
Barbara Wilson, OR 1968	Jean Zinnen, IA 1976	Monika Brola, NY 1964
Barbara, MI 1969	Jean-Marie Hansen, DC 1971	Monyeen Pilcher, TX 1960
Beckie Dunning, IL 1962	Jeanette Esser, MI 1966	Mrs. Dale Rutherford, MA 1969
Beckie Dunning, IL 1972	Jeanette Roberts, CA 1956	Mystery Luna, TX 1993
Becky (Davin) Martin, MA 1970	Jeanette Vogt, CA 1979	Mystery Luna, TX 1996
Becky Lee, WA 1963	Jeanne Atkinson Gartland, IL 1966	Nancie Crawford, FL 1967
Becky Mullins, IL 1969	Jeanne Brewer, PA 1958	Nancy Benton, CA 1968
Becky Warner, IN 1972	Jeanne Brooks, NC 1968	Nancy Brisson, CT 1963
Belinda Douglas, IL 1981	Jeanne Kinder, WI 1968	Nancy Bucenec, NY 1967
Beth A. Cox, KY 1974	Jeanne Mattson, CT 1973	Nancy Buchanan, MA 1965
Beth King, TN 1978	Jeanne Nott, NE 1970	Nancy Campbell, ID 1967
Beth Polynice, GA 1996	Jeanne Wilson, GA 1984	Nancy Coggle, WA 1977
Betsey Holt, CA 1968	Jennifer Bartosiak, CT 1978	Nancy Eisbrenner, CA 1970
Betsy Goodwin, CA 1968	Jennifer Cook, DC 1980	Nancy Horgan, RI 1968
Betty Adams, IN 1970	Jennifer Huskisson, TX 1993	Nancy Hubbard, MI 1972
Betty Bertorelli, TX 1966	Jennifer, AR 1977	Nancy Jenkins, VA 1967Susan
Betty J. Maryanski, TX 1966	Jeri Banks, OH 1969Marcia	Oliver, VA 1967
Betty Lou Davis, SC 1953	Hegedus-Record-, OH 1969	Nancy Peuraharju, AR 1981
Betty Rencher, TX 1958	Jeri Lee Schram, WI 1978	Nancy Pugliese, NJ 1965
Beverly Bowen-Modee, SC 1967	Jerri Adams, CA 1983	Nancy Slater, OH 1981
Beverly Hart, PA 1970	Jerrie Sloan, OH 1967	Nancy Smith, NY 1956
Beverly Miller, KS 1970	Jesica Johnson, UT 1997	Nancy Williams, IL 1968
Beverly Sanders, TX 1999	Jesica Johnson, UT 2000	Nancy Wilson, GA 1967
Billie McCabe, NJ 1955	Jessika Rene Fialho, CA 2008	Nancy, VA 2002
Bobbie Helms, NC	Jill Canoyer, VA 1967	Nanette Schaible, CA 1960Susan Y.
Bonita Cerasaro, NY 1961	Jill Hicks, OR 1964	Stickel, CA 1960
Bonnie Bouchard, NY 1959	Jo L. Ray, CA 1963	Nanette Stone Levine, NY 1961
Bonnie Davis, MI 1960	Joan Lynn, NY 1964	Naomi Durkin, NY 1977

Bonnie Duplissey, LA 1982	Joan Schulenberger, PA 1960	Naomi Goring, CT 1967
Bonnie Geddes, OK 1965	Joan Taylor, VA 1970	Nelda, TX 1972
Bonnie Hughes, MI 1970	Joan Weeks, MI 1966	Nicole King, IN 1996
Bonnie Lamb, NC 1970	Joan, VA 1970	Nina Campbell, NM 1967
Bonnie Parr, CA 1962	Joan, VA 1970	Noreen Chilson, CA 1968
Bonnie Piazza, CO 1968	JoAnn Brinley, SC 1968	Noreen Chilson, CA 1969
Bonnie Piazza, NJ 1966	JoAnn Robinson-Roberts, IN 1993	Norma Blankenship, TX 1992
Bonnie Rumford, KS 1965	Joann Seeley, AL 1967	Norma Young, UT 1971
Brandi Williams, CA 1998	JoAnn Spears, TX 1968	Olivette Donohue, TX 1969
Brandy Bottini-Elkins, KS 1999	Joanne Betchker, PA 1982	P. Lynn Wells, DC 1970
Brandy Robinson, SC	Joanne Nunez, NY 1977	Pam Hodgson, TX 1967
Brenda Estes, AR 1969	Joanne Tressa, PA 1982	Pam Powless, IL 1967
Brenda Henderson, LA 1969	Jodi Milne, TX 1984	Pam, ND 1975
Brenda Kanz, MN 1980	Jody Hill, OK 1972	Pamela Callender, OH 1983
Brenda Naquin, TX 1954	Joey Steele, CA 1985	Pamela Dupre, LA 1974
Brenda Schmittering, NY 1964	Johanna Shoudy, AK 1972	Pamela Hofford, IA 1976
Brenda Shaw, GA 1978	John Burkholder, CA 1973	Pamela Niedert, CT 1966
Brenda Yancey, GA 1969	Josephine Dimiceli, NY 1971	Pamela Parks, IL 1982
Brooke Murray, NJ 2000	Josephine Nieto Garcia, TX 1975	Pamela Silos, NY 1974
Bunnie O'Neill, PA 1967	Joyce Coke, TX 1964	Pat DiLouie, NY 1970
C. Denise Earley, FL 1966	Joyce Daffron AL 1960	Pat Griffiths, CA 1966
C. Denise Earley, FL 1967	Joyce Elaine Huffman, MI 1970	Pat Griffiths, MI 1964
C. Dianne Baker-Enger, OR 1991	Joyce Lotsbaich, MI 1969	Pat Knight, FL 1962
C. Raab-Herget, NJ 1967	Joyce Lovelace, NY 1970	Pat Larson, IL 1967
C. Raab-Herget, NJ 1970	Joyce Marlowe, NC 1984	Pat O'Hare, PA 1963
C. Stow, WA 1966	Joyce Perry, MI 1970	Pat Segatto, FL 1964
C. Stow, WA 1970	Joyce Walker, CA 1962	Patrice Wagner, DE 1963
Callie McCalmon, HI 1984	Juanita Frazier, IN 1971	Patrice Walsh, IL 1977
Camilla Smith, FL 1983	Juanita Melton, AL 1965	Patricia A. Dekreon, OH 1964
Camilla Winders, TX 1983	Juanita Simpkins, FL 1967	Patricia Barbara, IN 1971
Camille Anderson, NY 1966	Juanta Melton, AL 1965	Patricia Bydwell, CA 1962
Candace Kolz, FL 1967	Judi Batchelor, NC 1966	Patricia Cisek, NY 1984
Candace WellsSehorn, WA 1969	Judi Duke, NY 1962	Patricia Collins, MD 1967
Cande Hamilton, NY 1973	Judi Kloss, WA 1970	Patricia Courtemanche, VA 1964
Candy Brummett, TN 1994	Judi Rickert, IL 1969	Patricia Crooks, TX 1982
Candyss Fitzgerald, UT 1969	Judith E. Bock, OK 1969	Patricia Dunbar, PA 1979
Carl Duddeck, WI 1951	Judith Faltisco, NY 1958	Patricia Gilleran, NY 1970
Carla Sheldoon, ND 1970	Judith Foster, NJ 1961	Patricia Higginbotham, WA 1973
Carlyn G Stocker, TX 1974	Judith K. Harmon, OR 1969	Patricia Horn, GA 1962
Carol Aldrich, NY 1968	Judith Kratz, NJ 1975	Patricia Horton, MI 1967
Carol Chandler, PA 1966	Judith Moxley, VA 1956	Patricia Hovinen, MN 1970
Carol Clark, IL 1965	Mary Lou Bovie, VA 1964	Patricia Jones, OH 1977
Carol Herman, MA 1965	Judith Rice, ME 1962	Patricia Jones, OH 1984
Carol Hook Sullivan, GA 1967	Judy Graham, CA 1969	Patricia M. Mongeau, MA 1981
Carol Hooten, PA 1961	Judy Kelly, NY 1967	Patricia Mae Sweeney, TX 1960
Carol James, NJ 1964	Judy Merritt, NC 1966	Patricia Morris, NJ 1966
Carol Kollar, NJ 1964	Judy Moxley, TX 1969	Patricia Seaton, OH 1969
Carol Levell Young, NY 1964	Judy Sandness, CO 1972	Patricia Zimmer, CT 1969
Carol Moore, MI 1975	Judy Sullivan, AZ 1968	Patsy Gadberry, TX 1970
Carol Pinkasavage, NY 1978	Judy Wahl Talley, LA 1968	Patti Dobelmann, NM 1978
Carol Profanato, NY 1960	Julia Brown, TX 1962	Patti Lemmer, IL 1955
Carol Rice, KS 1958	Julia Carter, NY 1980	Patti Nesseth, WI 1972
Carol Rivera-Mitchell, NY 1984	Julia Cooper, OK 1977	Patti Stott, NY 1981
Carol Schaefer, NC 1966	Julie Cartwright, NM 1981	Patty Belden, CA 1968
Carole Baxter, MI 1963	Julie Phillips, MI 1981	Patty Burns, NY 1967
Carole Durante, NY 1967	Julie Singh-Phillips, MI 1981	Patty Madson, WA 1982
Carole Good, UT 1964	Julie Weber, GA 1967	Paula Cantrell, KS 1974
Carole Haigney-Murray, MA, 1960	Juls Muncy, VA 1983	Paula Sheets, GA 1966
Carole Richard, SC 1963	Kandi Deaver, ND 1969	Paula Sheets, GA 1966
Carole Wagner, FL 1968	Karen (Dolan) Morin, NY 1973	Paula, IL 1976
Carole Whitehead, NY 1963	Karen Anderson, NJ 1970	Pauline, WA 1971
Caroline Marden, MA	Karen Azlin, DC 1966	Pearl Osborne, CA 1975

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Deborah Kimec, OH 1979	Leslie Pate Mackinnon, FL 1967	Sharon Svoboda, LA 1968
Deborah Lillis, TX 1974	Lia Hoogenboom/Rodriguez, DC 1968	Sharon Terry, MD 1967
Deborah Monis, AL 1969	Lib Davis, OH 1970	Sharon Tully, FL 1966
Deborah Powell, SC 1972	Lin Barbier, AZ, 1967	Sharon Wallace, NY 1975
Deborah Sternaman, MI 1982	Linda Aceto, VA 1969	Sharon Wilburn, LA 1971
Deborah Thomasson, AL 1969	Linda Beck, AZ 1967	Sharyl Brannon, OR 1970
Deborah Zargham, AL 1978	Linda Beveridge, CA 1968	Sharyl Pratt, IN 1968
Debra Cameron, PA 1979	Linda Borden, NY 1976	Sharyn Hervey, HI 1965
Debra Cipollino, NY 1983	Linda Cameron, WI 1973	Sheila Adams, KY 1955
Debra Gibson, KY 1981	Linda Carpenter, NY 1965	Sheila Ganz, PA 1969
Debra Ginger, IN 1955	Linda Cebulski, IL 1967	Sheila Spencer, KS 1986
Debra Kiser, CA 1970	Linda Clausen, RI 1961	Shelley Wilson, TX 1977
Debra Lawson-Fields, CA 1973	Linda DeBerry, OH 1980	Shelley Wilson, TX 1987
Debra Martin Davis, IA 1972	Linda Elvin, IL 1967	Sherel Sue Kissell, PA 1968
Debra Nuckolls, WV 1985	Linda Fausel, WI 1977	Sheri Nye, OH 1973
Debra Nuckolls, WV 1987	Linda Follett, OR 1965	Sherry Benjamin, IN 1978
Debra Rose, IL 1970	Linda Freeman, NJ 1971	Sherry Benjamin, TX 1979
Debra Schulman, LA 1976	Linda Freeman, WA 1967	Sherry Cooper, OR 1983
Debra Wilson, MI 1973	Linda Garis-Fletcher, CA 1986	Sheryl Anapol, NJ 1966
Deitrah Stewart, IL 1961	Linda Gilbert, NY 1970	Shirlee Knox, FL
Delayn Curtis, CA 1968	Linda Gipson, MI 1961	Shirley Gibbs, MI 1965
Delita Wright, FL 1968	Linda Gordn, NJ 1970	Shirley Matos, PA 1983
Della Yocum, AR 1967	Linda Harvey, MI 1960	Shirley Reed, CT 1973
Delores J. Dodd, MI 1967	Linda Harvey, MI 1964	Shirley Roben, IA 1962
DeLura Dowda, AL 1965	Linda Higley, IL 1969	Shirley Smith, TX 1973
DeLura Dowda, AL 1965	Linda Hodge, NM 1981/82/83	Shirley Woods, OR 1965
Denise Garcia, VA 1972	Linda J. Woods, NY 1981	Sonia Gray Davis, NY 1965
Denise L. Roessle, CA 1970	Linda Jeanne Vecchio, FL 1965	Sonja Wayne, MI 1967
Denise Marconi Leitch, PA 1969	Linda Jessie, IN 1972	Sonya McGahen, LA 1978
Denise McLaughlin, FL 1966	Linda Jo Baker Lottie 1971	Stacy Moore, TN 1969
Denise McLaughlin, FL 1967	Linda K Chalmers, WA 1967	Stanlie Wykoff, OR 1964
Denise Novak, NH 1974	Linda K Chalmers, WA 1981	Starr Grisim, OR 1974
Denise, FL 1966	Linda McGurl, MA 1967	Starr Lara, WA 1975
Diana Hiipakka, VA 1967	Linda McMahan Gale, WA 1971	Starr Lara, WA 1975
Diana Keller, KS 1970	Linda Minardi, NJ 1968	Stephanie Hinkle, CA 1998
Diane Bailey-Shipp, VA 1972	Linda Mori, GA 1984	Stephanie Malone, TX 1990
Diane Baker, OK 1998	Linda Orozco, CA 1967	Stephanie Mueller, NY 1969
Diane Beck Lane, FL 1963	Linda Owens, KY 1971	Sue Alexander, TX 1965
Diane E. Fowler, CT 1969	Linda Pendergast, LA 1968	Sue Bolan, NJ 1965
Diane Giampapa, NY 1967	Linda Rider, MI 1984	Sue Eagle, VA 1973
Diane Hernandez, NV 1981	Linda S. Hurd, PA 1969	Sue Fessenden, WA 1960
Diane Mallette, IL 1981	Linda Slade, NY 1976	Sue Jones, IA 1968
Diane Norris, NY 1969	Linda Spratt, IA 1968	Susan (Harvey) Karter, NY 1972
Diane Parks, NH 1967	Linda Stephan, CA 1947	Susan A. Henry, MA 1965
Diane Santana, CT 1966	Linda Thornton, NM 1970	Susan Anthony, WI 1967
Diane Saunders, MA 1964	Linda Vommaro, PA 1969	Susan Becque, TX 1959
Diane Scott-Olsen, MN 1973	Linda Walker, WA 1969	Susan Bentley, CA 1966
Diane Siron, GA 1971	Linda Webber, CA 1969	Susan Braswell, MD 1969
Diane Turski, MN 1968	Linette Ivanovitch, WA 1984	Susan Brennan, NY 1978
Diane Van Atta, NY 1965	Linn Page, OH 1965	Susan Cameron, AR 1965
Diane Wheeler, OH 1964	Lisa Ann Matthews, NC 1980	Susan Chuesberg, WA 1969
Diane Zellhart Rhodes, PA 1967	Lisa Hernandez, TX 1973	Susan Cotton, WI 1968
Dianne LeLean Brown, OK 1966	Lisa Jordan, TX 1981	Susan D'Amico, MD 1973
Dianne Mangum, IA 1969	Lisa Kniffin, NY 1960	Susan Dearolf, LA 1970
Dina Beaty, TX 1983	Lisa Mayer, TX 1987	Susan Duffy, DC 1968
Dixie, NJ 1980	Lisa McDaniel, TN 1975	Susan Edwards, GA 1977
Dixie, NY 1980	Lisa Merritt, IA 1979	Susan Garrahan, NY 1970
Dolores Dias Green, TX 1987	Lisa Newton, NV 1981	Susan Gritz Licht, NY 1965
Dona Tracy, NY 1965	Lisa Til, NY 1990	Susan Henry, MA
Dondi Wheelan, CA 1962	Lisa Wheeler, MA 1979	Susan Hermanowycz, IL 1986
Donna Bensen, CA 1965	Lise Shumski, MA 1981	Susan Karger, MA

<p>Donna C. Gray, NC 1975  Donna Chagnon, NH 1974  Donna Dzinski, SC 1978  Donna Edwards, OH 1968  Donna Hull, VA 1985  Donna Humphrey, TX 1963  Donna L. Goguen, MA 1976  Donna Lee Weiss, IN 1966  Donna Lee Wilkins, MI 1964  Donna Mae Hatch, ID 1976  Donna Milstead, LA 1974  Donna Nardone, VA 1985  Donna O'Brien, NY 1977  Donna Ritchie Adams, OH 1969  Donna Rowe, TX 1969  Donna Valdivia, CA 1972  Donna Wilson/Herner, KY 1980  Donnarae DeWeese, OH 1963  Dore, CA 1966  Doreen Faber, TX 1977  Doreen Faber, TX 1977  Dorene L. Morin, RI 1965  Doris 'Marie' Reich, MD 1978  Dorothy J. Berry, OK 1966  Dorothy Price, FL 1952  Dorothy Simanikas, VA 1983  Dorothy Simanikas, VA 1986  Dorothy Solis, CA 1969  Dorothy Todd, PA 1973  Dottie Ann Ridenour, MI 1975  E. A. Verkler, IL 1970  E. Shearin, NJ  Earl Murphy, LA 1968  Eileen Baum, CA 1970  Eileen Drennen, CA 1976  Eleanor Whitmore, MI 1966  Elisa Menocal Barton, PA 1976  Elise Baer, NJ 1970  Elisha Stancil, SC 1987  Elizabeth Allen, CA 1981  Elizabeth Avens, TN 1975  Elizabeth Ballew, FL 1968  Elizabeth Frigerio, NJ 1975  Elizabeth Hope, WA 1998  Elizabeth Hung, CA 1976  Elizabeth LaSalle, NY 1962  Elizabeth Maes, CA 1970  Elizabeth McKenna, NJ 1981  Elizabeth McLean, NC 1966  Elizabeth Paladino, NY 1967  Elizabeth Shaver-LaMonda, MI 1980  Elizabeth Smith, IL 1976  Elizabeth Steen, NY 1982  Elizabeth Taber, LA 1979  Elizabeth Telesco, NY 1966  Elizabeth Thomason, OK 1974  Ellen Durant, NY 1951  Ellen King, TX 1980  Ellen Kirk, PA 1975  Ellen Moritz, NY 1978  Emma Jane Crowley, FL 1968  Emma Jane Crowley, VA 1968</p>	<p>Lise Van Deusen, UT 1972  Lita Soule, CA 1978  Liz Sheader, CA 1969  Lois Anderson, IL 1984  Lois McDonald, CA 1961  Lola Wong Wing, IL 1968  Lori Carangelo, CT 1968  Lori Diane Sands, WA 1974  Lori Jo Tucker, AZ 2000  Lori Lynch, TN 1977  Lori, FL 1966  Lorianne Neal, NE 1963  Lorie Norman, TX 1987  Lorna, CA 1965  Lorraine Dusky, NY 1966  Lorraine T. Maloney, NY 1966  Lorreta Gorman, NY 1968  Louann Fuller, AZ  Louisa White, VA 1968  Louise (Penny) Wilson, IN 1976  Louise Iushewitz, MI 1969  Louise Jaxel, AZ 1983  Louise Lott, SC 1968  Louise Morris, DC 1971  Louise Pepper, AZ 1981  LuAnn Byrd, WA 1983  LuAnn Byrd, WA 1983  Lucy Schrimsher, OR 1978  Lucy, LA 1981  Lyn Heidel, CO 1977  Lynda Artusio, MD 1980  Lynette Constant, CA 1996  Lynita Zajack, OK 1974  Lynn Carter, OH 1966  Lynn Manning, SC 1979  Lynn Manning, SC 1981  Lynn Rillon, OR 1980  Lynn Tremblay, SC 1978  Lynn Underwood, TX 1972  M. Ann Rutledge, IN 1966  M. Davis, LA 1977  Mabel Renoe, TX 1958  Madeline Morris, CA 1959  MaDonna Holmes, MN 1956  Maggie Strickland, TX 1972  Mara Velaquez-Clayton, FL 1966  Marcelyn Todd, CO 1965  Marcie Keithley-Roth, PA 1978  Margaret Dailey, VA 1981  Margaret Guley, OH  Margaret Hayes, IA 1972  Margaret Hill, PA 1966  Margaret Hornback, SC 1973  Margaret LyBurtis, MI 1966  Margaret LyBurtus, CA  Margaret LyBurtus, CA  Margaret Mesa, AZ 1955  Margaret Smith, OH 1967  Margaret Toppenberg, CO 1970  Margaret, OH 1974  Margarita Brice, NY 1979  Mariann Palmer, PA 1973</p>	<p>Susan King Daniels, NC 1978  Susan L. Spry, WA 1968  Susan Leontii, CA 1979  Susan McCauley, OK 1972  Susan Mello-Souza, MA 1968  Susan Miller, NY 1981  Susan Nicoulin Elliot, KY 1972  Susan Pohl, OK  Susan Potter, MA 1981  Susan Scarinzi, NJ 1974  Susan Scarinzi, NJ 1976  Susan Sookoor, PA 1968  Susan Tatum, CO 1980  Susan Thoenes, OR 1967  Susan White, MA 1973  Susan Woodward-Boone, CA 1945  Susan Yardley, MA 1966  Susanne Sadowski, MI 1965  Suzanne Donald, NY 1974  Suzanne Shoop, LA 1960  Taja Beane, IL 1983  Tamara Davies, CA 1982  Tamara Johnston, NM 1975  Tammie Roberts, CA 1974  Tammy Fink, MD 1943  Tammy Miller, SC 1982  Tammy Morriscal, IN 1975  Tammy Quade, TX 1984  Tammy Russell, CA 1973  Tammy Stone, TX 1983  Tammy Street, NC 1970  Tammy Street, NC 1971  Tarin Taylor, KS 1999  Tawny Cardell-Northern, AR 1970  Teresa Bushek, TX 1985  Teresa Haney-Parsons, NJ 1984  Teresa Lindholm, WA 1989  Teresa Mayes, TX 1977  Teresa Mennie, WA 1964  Teri Golley, NH 1982  Terri Holder, TN 1976  Terri Leber, WA 1971  Terri Winters, MI 1959  Terri, OH 1984  Terrie Cooper, IL 1968  Terry Odem, TX 1969  Teryna Boffo, ND 1969  Thelma Roth, MI 1966  Theresa Martin, AR 1985  Theresa Morris, KY  Theresa Morris, VA 1977  Thomas Head, AL  Thurmon McCoy, SC 1971  Tiffany Dotson, TX 1980  Tilara Yawn, IN 1969  Tim Lockhart, MI  Tina Clark, ID 1986  Tina Jewell-Gardner, KS 1986  Tina Marie Wilson, AZ 1984  Tina McClelland, SC 1974  Tina Rutherford, OR 1989  Tina Rutherford, OR 1991</p>
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<p>Eric Babcock, NY 1991  Esther Morgan, PA 1968  Eva Marie Heath, IN 1990  Evelyn Arpke, LA 1956  Evelyn Arpke, LA 1958  Evelyn Leblanc, NY 1972  Felicia Gromes, NY  Florence Wheeler, OK 1966  Frances Kinney, NY 1958  Frances Scalise, PA 1960  Frances White Rose, PA 1970  Francey Green, NY 1968  Gail Lee Day, CA 1967  Gail Sanders, PA 1966  Gail Yahya, NY 1966  Gale Munden, CA 1966  Gayla Shreve, KS 1979  Gayle Davis, CO 1969  Gayle Singletary, NC  Gayle Yahya, NY 1966  Georgia McClure, LA 1951  Geraldine Keeney, NY 1971  Geraldine Rekowski, IL 1972  Geraldine Borwey, IL 1972  Geri Jordan Hemby, CA 1963  Geri Krueger, WI 1971  Gerri Bitz, CA 1980  Gertie Mae Wilke, TN 1966  Gertrude Wallace, MD 1962  Gigi Mason, WA 1991  Gina Edwar, PA 1985  Ginger S. Ehrhart, PA 1969  Ginger Stone, NE 1963  Glen Frazer, CA 1973  Glenda Shay, PA 1963  Glenda Videan, PA 1967  Gloria Bingel, RI 1970  Gloria Wheeler, LA 1962  Grace Chodkowski, FL 1965  Grace Jollimore, NY 1966  Grace LaColla, NY 1966  Gregg Eilber, MI 1958  Gretchen Bickert, MI 1981  Gwen Hoffman, NY 1960  Gwinetta Crowell, TX 1966</p>	<p>Marianne Morgan, KY 1964  Maribel, NY  Marie Barron, CO 1961  Marie Bonnstetter, NC 1951  Marie C. Trail, SC 1966  Marie Kanan, WA 1967  Marigrace Swierzynski, MN 1990  Marilee Joseph, NY 1978  Marilyn Austin, NY 1971  Marilyn Carver, MI 1963  Marilyn Eddy Ashe, NY 1968  Marilyn Guy, OK 1983  Marilyn Hayes, RI 1968  Marilyn Maracle, NY 1970  Marilyn Maracle, NY 1971  Marilyn McCown, CA 1979  Marilyn McCoy, CA 1972  Marilyn McCoy, OK 1983  Marilyn Rose, FL 1960  Marilyn Tausz-Nieto, AZ 1966  Marilyn Waugh, AZ 1970  Marilyn Weitz, NJ 1962  Marion Conklin, NY 1965  Marion Duswalt-Pinney, NJ 1971  Marissa, TX 1989  Marjorie Culbertson, NV 1960  Marjorie J. Spangler, NV 1960  Marjorie Schultz, MA 1958  Marla Miller, IL 1970  Marla Walcott, WV 1981  Marlene Howell, MI 1985  Marlene Howell, MI 1986  Marlene Ryan, NJ 1960  Marlys Phillips, CO 1956  Marlys Rasmussen, CA 1974  Marsh Wood-Walters, NJ 1969  Marsha Bailey, VA 1971  Marsha Montgomery, VA 1973  Marsha Montgomery, VA 1973  Martha Hinman, OR 1996  Martha Scott Phipps, NY 1966  Martin, PA 1948  Marva Pridgen, NY 1969  Marvin Pippin, MD 1965  Mary Anne Cohen, NJ 1968</p>	<p>Toni Childers, VA 1968  Toni Wentz, IL 1970  Tracey Converse, AR 1970  Tracy Moyers, CA 1981  Tracy Muscatello, PA 1979  Tricia Marty, ID 1984  Valary Forney, TX 1976  Valerie Drabyk, NJ, 1962  Vanessa Chassot, VA 1997  Verna Nesom, TX 199  Veronica Boudreau, CA 1964  Veronica Krueger, IL 1962  Veronica McEntee, NY 1970  Vicki Carter, OH 1981  Mary Margerson, OH 1982  Vicki King, IL 1971  Vicki Miller, CA 1966  Vickie Ellis, NC 1988  Vickie Norcross-Ellis, NC 1988  Vicky Kroh, PA 1969  Victoria D. Black, CA 1967  Victoria D. Black, NY 1968  Victoria Gailinas, NY 1979  Victoria Hardy, MD  Victoria Lawson, CA 1973  Victory Thronson, IN 1959  Violet Jacoby, IN 1964  Virginia Bacon, MI 1965  Virginia Hanson, PA 1974  Wanda Clark, OH 1974  Wanda Lee Fuller, FL 1956  Wanda Morgan, TX 1962  Wanda Phelps, OK 1993  Wanda V. Jones, VA 1975  Warren Alexander, TX 1979  Warren Mass, NJ 1967  Wendy Fouse, WI 1985  Wendy Gilkerson, PA 1969  William Guinan, PA 1968  Wilma Norman, VA 1969  Wilma Norman, VA 1970  Wilma O'Keeffe, NY 1954  Yvonne Leist-Creswell, WI 1968  Yvonne Shower, FL 1966  Zoe Farmer, TX 1971</p>
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**PLEASE SUPPORT SF1279: PROVISION MODIFICATIONS GOVERNING ADULT ADOPTEE ACCESS TO THEIR OWN ORIGINAL BIRTH RECORDS AND OTHER ADOPTION-RELATED INFORMATION**

February 6, 2023

Dear Distinguished Members of the Minnesota State Senate,

We are a nation-wide group of birth/first mothers who have lost children to adoption. We write today to ask that you prioritize and support a very important bill that would end the discrimination against adult adopted persons from Minnesota who cannot legally receive a copy of their own original birth certificate: *SF1279 - Provision modifications governing adult adoptee access to their own original birth records and other adoption-related information*. We urge swift action on this bill for the following reasons:

**Equality:** This is the most important reason to take up and pass SF1279 as soon as possible. We believe all human beings have a right to know who they are and where they come from. And all adult adopted persons should be treated equally under the law. If Minnesota seeks to have a fair and equal policy in place, SF1279 needs to be prioritized and passed. It is simply wrong to discriminate against a class of adult citizens based on their circumstances at birth.

**Privacy:** Current law is actually harming us, mothers of adoption loss. For those of us who lost children to closed adoption, current law is forcing our relinquished sons/daughters to use consumer-DNA to find us. Consumer-DNA tests are not private. In fact, they are very public. What we prefer is for our adult sons/daughters to contact us privately so that we can decide with them, as two adults fully capable of managing our own relationships with each other, what is actually best for us. We do not need this relationship governed in any way. SF1279 *is* the most private and dignified option.

**Healing:** We recognize SF1279 is a very unique issue for a legislature to take up. While we feel this issue is squarely a rights issue and that all adult adopted persons should be treated equally under the law— and we wish the conversation would stop there— we recognize it does not. We are intimately associated with the issue surrounding this bill and therefore uniquely qualified to speak up about it because it is our names that appear on the original birth certificates of those who were adopted. Sometimes, it is our identities that have been cited as a reason to keep current law in place. We have spoken very publicly about the healing aspect of a bill that restores rights to adult adopted persons and the thing we want the Minnesota Senate to know is that when our lost sons/daughters are able to find us, we both experience healing. Because we have been so public with our views, we invite you to view/read some of our previously published works on this aspect of healing:

- [Catholic Birthmothers to Legislators: Help Us Heal](#)
- [Opinion: Keeping birth parents' identities secret doesn't just hurt the adopted; it hurts those who gave up their children](#)
- [How we feel about "Confidentiality" \(38 secs\)](#)

For these reasons, we urge you to support and prioritize SF1279 this session. Senators, justice delayed is justice denied and Minnesota-born adult adopted persons do not deserve to be denied equality any more. Thank you for hearing us on this important issue.

Sincerely,

**Eileen (Woebse) McQuade**

*Co-Founder, Catholic Mothers For Truth & Transparency*

Lost Daughter in 1966 - New York, NY  
 Guild of the Infant Savior  
 Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of NY

**Karen (Galarneau) Quesnel**

*Co-Founder, Catholic Mothers For Truth & Transparency*

Lost Son in 1981 - Wethersfield, CT  
 St. Agnes Home for Unwed Mothers  
 Catholic Charities of Hartford

**Members, Catholic Mothers for Truth and Transparency:**

<p><b>Frances (Guido) Scalise</b>                  1959 - Philadelphia, PA                  St. Vincent's Home                  Catholic Charities</p>	<p><b>Joyce (Baier) Steensrud</b>                  1960 - Spokane, WA</p>
<p><b>Diane (Renaldi) Hook</b>                  1961 - Waterbury, CT                  Catholic Family Services Waterbury, CT</p>	<p><b>Patricia Taylor</b>                  1961 - West Hartford, CT                  St. Agnes Home for Unwed Mothers                  Catholic Charities of Hartford</p>
<p><b>Carol (Pasquale) Gainey</b>                  1962 - Ft. Lauderdale, FL                  St. Vincent's Home                  Catholic Community Services</p>	<p><b>Marylee (Benham) MacDonald</b>                  1962 - Phoenix, AZ                  Florence Crittenton Home                  Catholic Social Services, Phoenix, AZ</p>
<p><b>Carolyn (Sanderson) Hoard</b>                  1964 - West Palm Beach, FL                  Catholic Charities West Palm Beach</p>	<p><b>Barbara Montgomery</b>                  1965 - Washington, DC                  St. Ann's Infant &amp; Maternity Home                  Catholic Charities - Washington, DC</p>
<p><b>Carol (Kirby) Schaefer</b>                  1966 - Richmond, VA                  Seton House                  Catholic Social Services - Charlotte, NC</p>	<p><b>Eileen (Woebse) McQuade</b>                  1966 - New York, NY                  Guild of the Infant Savior                  Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of NY</p>
<p><b>Leslie (Pate) Mackinnon</b>                  1966 - Mobile, AL                  Allen Memorial Home                  Catholic Charities of Mobile, AL</p>	<p><b>Margaret (Hoffman) LyBurtus</b>                  1966 - Southfield, MI                  Merrilac Hall                  Catholic Charities of Mount Clemens</p>
<p><b>Barbara (Baumgartner) Gladfelter</b>                  1967 - Kansas City, MI</p>	<p><b>Julia (MacDonnell) Chang</b>                  1967 - Dorchester, MA                  St. Mary's Infant Asylum - Catholic Charities</p>

<p><b>Mary (Bergquist) Jeffrey</b>  1967 - St. Paul, MN  Catholic Charities of Minneapolis, MN</p>	<p><b>Yvonne Leist</b>  1967 - Wausau, WI  St. Ann's Maternity Home  Catholic Social Services</p>
<p><b>Kathleen (Bral) Chafin</b>  1968 - Sioux City, IA  Jesuit Province of Midwest</p>	<p><b>Patricia (Van Cura) Tiscza</b>  1968 - Bronx, NY  Rosalie Hall, Bronx, NY  Catholic Home Bureau</p>
<p><b>Sarah Burns</b>  1968 - San Francisco, CA  St. Elizabeth's Home  Archdiocese of San Francisco, CA</p>	<p><b>Barbara Kluijtmans</b>  1969 - Goirle, Noord Brabant, The Netherlands  Huize de Bocht  Tilburg Congregate (Catholic Nuns)</p>
<p><b>Betty (Gettig) Holden</b>  1969 - Tampa, FL  Salvation Army Home</p>	<p><b>Cheryl Steckler</b>  1969 - Las Vegas, NV  Catholic Welfare of Las Vegas, NV</p>
<p><b>Janice (Gallagher) Lau</b>  1969 - Chicago, IL  St. Vincent's Infant Asylum &amp; Orphanage  Catholic Charities - Chicago, IL</p>	<p><b>Lynda (Curry) Szybowski</b>  1969 - Philadelphia, PA  St. Vincent's Home  Catholic Social Services, Philadelphia</p>
<p><b>Maureen Boyle</b>  1969 - New London, CT  Catholic Charities, New London, CT</p>	<p><b>Virginia (Cummings) Schaller</b>  1969 - Washington, DC  Catholic Charities</p>
<p><b>Janet (Dotson) Stuessi</b>  1970 - Kansas City, MO  Florence Crittenton Home  Catholic Charities</p>	<p><b>Mary Greene</b>  1970 - New Britain, CT  St. Agnes Home, West Hartford, CT  Catholic Family Services of New Britain</p>
<p><b>Francine (Ambrogio) Gurtler</b>  1971 - White Plains, NY  St. Faith's Home  Tarrytown, NY</p>	<p><b>Ginny (Robbins) Beall</b>  1971 - Los Angeles, CA  St. Anne's Home for Unwed Mothers</p>
<p><b>Gretchen Hoffman</b>  1971 - Springfield, MA  1974 - St. Paul, MN</p>	<p><b>Jo Ann (Volovski) Van Reenan</b>  1971 - Philadelphia, PA</p>
<p><b>Marlene (Weisman) Sassaman</b>  1971 - Newark, NJ  Catholic Charities of Newark</p>	<p><b>Mimi (Mary) Janes</b>  1971 - Los Angeles, CA  St. Anne's Maternity Home  Holy Family, Los Angeles Archdiocese</p>

<p><b>Rosie (Huck) Brant</b>  1971 - Milwaukee, WI  Salvation Army Booth Memorial Hospital  Catholic Social Services of Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p><b>Kathy (Hatt) Aderhold</b>  1972 - Omaha, NE  Salvation Army Booth Maternity Home  Catholic Charities of Lincoln, NE</p>
<p><b>Glen Frazer</b>  1973 - Oakland, CA  St. Elizabeth's Home  Children's Home Society</p>	<p><b>Rosemary (King) Lee</b>  1974 - Atlanta, GA  Florence Crittenton Home, Atlanta/Chamblee, GA  Child Service &amp; Family Counseling Center (now, "Families First")</p>
<p><b>Holly (Hagenow) Harlow</b>  1975 - Hartford, CT  Catholic Family Services</p>	<p><b>Eileen Drennen</b>  1976 - San Diego, CA  Caritas Family Services - St. Cloud, MN</p>
<p><b>Elaine Marie (Fitzgerald) Weaver</b>  1976 - Philadelphia, PA  St. Vincent's Home for Unwed Mothers  Catholic Social Services, Archdiocese of Philadelphia</p>	<p><b>Cynthia (Hallam) Glenn</b>  1978 - Springfield, IL  St. Monica's Unwed Mother's Home - Springfield, IL  Catholic Charities of East St. Louis, IL</p>
<p><b>Patricia (Hart) Flanagan</b>  1978 - New Bedford, MA  Rosalie Hall, Bronx, NY  New Bedford Child &amp; Family Services of MA</p>	<p><b>Anita Garland</b>  1979 - Belleville, Ontario Canada</p>
<p><b>Jennifer (Duff) McMillan</b>  1979 - New South Wales, Australia  Catholic Adoption Agency, New South Wales</p>	<p><b>Kathleen Moran</b>  1979 - Evanston, IL  St. Therese Hospital - Waukegan, IL  The Cradle of Evanston, IL</p>
<p><b>Linda (Merz) Reboulet</b>  1980 - West Springfield, MA  Our Lady of Providence Children's Center  West Springfield, MA</p>	<p><b>Maria Arbuckle</b>  1981 - Ireland  St Patrick's, Navan Road Dublin</p>
<p><b>Karen (Galarneau) Quesnel</b>  1981 - West Hartford, CT  St. Agnes Home for Unwed Mothers  Catholic Charities of Hartford</p>	<p><b>Renee (Helewa) Gayder</b>  1982 - Newark, NJ  Catholic Charities</p>
<p><b>Charlotte (O'Connor) MacAulay</b>  1983 - Charlottetown, PEI Canada  St Gerard's Home  Catholic Family Services Bureau</p>	<p><b>Cynthia (Rounds) McGuigan</b>  1983 - West Bridgewater, MA  Catholic Charities - Brockton, MA</p>
<p><b>Liana Jones</b>  1984 - Charlottetown, PEI Canada  St. Gerard's Home  Catholic Family Services Bureau</p>	<p><b>Monique Gentile</b>  1985 - Staten Island, NY</p>

<p><b>Eileen (Moran) Mertens</b> 1988 - Sycamore, IL</p>	<p><b>Candace Cahill</b> 1990 - St. Cloud, MN Caritas Family Services - St. Cloud, MN</p>
<p><b>Catherine Devald</b> 1990 - Norwalk, CT Catholic Family Services - Norwalk, CT</p>	<p><b>Melissa (Themar) Geck</b> 1993 - Milwaukee, WI Catholic Social Services of Milwaukee</p>
<p><b>Allisa Brunner</b> 2000 - St. Paul, MN Catholic Charities - Seton Services</p>	<p><b>Karen Tessier</b> 2003 - South Hadley, MA Brightside for Children and Families Archdiocese of Springfield, MA</p>