

March 21, 2024

The Honorable Ron Latz
Minnesota State Senate
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for SF4572 (Article 4)

Dear Chair Latz and Members of the Committee:

I am an adopted person and the attorney/founder of Minnesota-based Adoptee Rights Law Center as well as the executive director of Adoptees United Inc., a national charitable nonprofit organization. I write in support of the changes to current law as outlined in Article 4 (Adoption Records) of SF4572. The provisions in that article are corrective in nature and address issues that were identified after the enactment of SF2995 last year. This committee last year also heard and approved the core provisions of the law that is now in place related to birth records (which are not at issue in these corrective amendments). The changes in this specific bill, however, are non-controversial and necessary for full and effective implementation of current law.

I appreciate both your committee's time and expertise on this issue and further acknowledge the professionalism and consideration the Department of Human Services demonstrated in reaching out to affected stakeholders, including myself and others. I believe this bill reflects such outreach and includes valuable community input. I encourage a DO PASS vote.

Best regards,

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