## IN SUPPORT OF THE ADOPTEES BIRTHRIGHT BILL

Concerned Persons for Adoption, New Jersey's oldest adoptive parent support group, and coordinator of New Jersey's "Let's Talk Adoption" Conference, fully supports the Adoptees Birthright Bill.

- As adoptive parents, we fully realize the importance to our children of knowledge of their identity and background, both for medical and sense of identity issues.
- As adoption educators, we have spoken to over 4,000 high school students in an adoption awareness program, as well as many current birthmothers......overwhelmingly, birthparents today are MORE likely to choose adoption as an option when openness is a fact. As shown by the example of the states who have enacted this legislation, abortions go down, not up.

And, personally, as a person who has easily traced her own genealogical roots back to the 1700's in Hungary and traveled to meet long lost relatives, I am embarrassed that adult adoptees do not have this basic human right!

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