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House Committee on Health Care
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Dear Chairman Greenlick and Committee Members:

I wish to express opposition to those amendments to House Bill 2093 that would narrow the access to records used extensively in history and genealogical research. The current laws in place are workable. The Section 33 amendment would extend the elapsed time of availability to the public of some vital records from 100 to 125 years in the case of birth records, to 75 years for birth records, and 100 years after the date of marriage. These facts are the building blocks for accurate genealogical research, and often are vital in learning how to make health decisions for present and future generations.

Those who might engage in identity theft use many avenues to break laws. I cannot see that these changes would thwart those bent upon finding information that might aid their intentions.

Please leave the current rules in place.

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