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On Behalf Of: SB1523
Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services
Measure: SB1523

Dear Oregon Legislators,

I am writing in support of proposed SB1523 during the short 2024 session.

The reason this bill is being requested is to enhance SB 573 Re: Pre Adoption Birth Certificates.

According to what is now in place effective January 1, 2024 is just a simple verbiage technicality, which results in a financial burden to an adoptee that includes currently filing a petition with fee in the amount of \$185.00 and that does not include legal representation which could potentially start off in the amount of \$2,500.00 and go up from there.

Adding a biological parent which is proven by DNA to a Pre Adoption Birth Certificate is a simple administrative function and should not require our judiciary system.

I believe SB1523 corrects this minor verbiage technicality that was unknown and gives equity to those that have been oppressed since the beginning of the Baby Scoop Era.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter and addressing this issue.

Sincerely,

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