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I am in support of SB573. As an adoptee of a closed adoption during the baby scoop era, I will support any bill that helps to reverse the secrecy and dishonesty behind adoption practice. This particular bill is meaningful to me personally because I do not have a father listed on my original birth certificate. But he exists! He had to sign my relinquishment papers and he married my biological mother soon after I was born. My biological mother also had to sign the same papers, yet her name was on my original birth certificate. How does this make sense? Except to say that the system was set-up in support of the institution of adoption, not in support of families of origin nor in the best interest of the adopted child or that child as an adult. This bill would be a step forward for the state of Oregon to correct wrongs done and secrets kept. It would give adoptees a chance to fill in a blank on a coveted form that we all seek to claim our human right of identity.