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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB163

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

I urge you to vote YES on SB163 as introduced. This bill has vital protections for donor conceived individuals, ensuring they have the right to access information about their genetic origins upon adulthood.

As the aunt/guardian to a bright, energetic, artistic donor conceived little girl, I urge you to keep these individuals in mind as you decide on this issue. Studies and experience have shown how important it is for these people to know where they came from - not only to know any physical health issues they should be aware of, but for their mental health. Put yourselves in their shoes and imagine not knowing where half or all of your DNA came from - what a huge gap in your self to carry through life. Imagine knowing that you could have literally hundreds of siblings walking this earth and not know who they are, if you may or may not meet them... or as a worst case, you unknowingly meet them on a dating app or the like? Everyone has a right to know who they are related to.

Thank you for standing with donor conceived people and their families by including this critical language. Vote YES on SB163.

Sincerely,

Erin