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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB163

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.

I am a donor conceived adult and I was conceived here in the Pacific Northwest to two heterosexual parents. I wasn't informed that I was donor conceived until my early 20s, after the Father that I grew up with had already passed away. He took it to his grave that we were not genetically related, but deep in my heart I knew intuitively that something was different than what I was told. After many years of searching, I found my anonymous sperm donor through Ancestry.com genetic testing. He is great, and had five children of his own who I have since connected deeply with.

I'm writing to extend my support to SB163. I believe wholeheartedly that having more information about my sperm donor earlier in life would have made a tremendous impact for me. Having access to this person, who was intended to be completely hidden from me, has given me valuable information about who I am. I now know family medical history, which I can now share with my daughter. I also have new half siblings who have welcomed me into their lives.

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

Best,  
Jordon