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LEGISLATIVE BILL 283 is a reality! "Access to adoption records..."

NOW we need your help! NOW your work just begins!

1. Locate your senator on the attached list and write to him/her, as well as all other Nebraska senators!
2. WRITE IMMEDIATELYSenator _____, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE68509 and be prepared to write or call again in 2-3 weeks.
3. Ask for support of LB 283, access to adoption records.
4. Tell a reason for LB 283, use a personal story, if the personal story is long attach it to the letter. The following may help:
 - a. Medical information
 - b. Family stress
 - c. Mental anguish
 - d. Nationality, heritage info.
 - e. Passport application
 - f. Sibling information.
 - g. Release of guilt
5. Ask others to write their senators- relatives, teachers, church friends, etc. Letters must be original, NO XEROX copies. NOW is the time to KEEP THOSE CARDS AND LETTERS COMING.
6. Call, free, HOTLINE 1-800-742-7456 for your copy of LB 283, and for legislative progress update.
7. Be prepared to come to Lincoln for testimony

IMPORTANT MEETING! JANUARY 25! ^{7:00}~~7:30~~ p.m. Swanson Library.

DON'T MISS IT! ELECTIONS, LEGISLATION INFORMATION, MUCH MORE!!!

Hearing Date - Tues. Feb. 1 - Room 1113 - Judiciary Committee - State Capitol - Lincoln, Neb.
We need you there. This may be your last chance to stand up for your rights.
We can't do it alone!!

Legacy of an Adopted Child

Once there were two women
Who never knew each other
One you do not remember
The other you call mother.

Two different lives,
shaped to make yours one.
One became your guiding star
The other became your sun.

The first gave you life
And the second taught you to live in it.
The first gave you a need for love
And the second was there to give it.

One gave you a nationality
The other gave you a name.
One gave you the seed of talent
The other gave you an aim.

One gave you emotions
The other calmed your fears.
One saw your first sweet smile
The other dried your tears.

One gave you up
It was all that she could do
The other prayed for a child —
And God led her straight to you.

And now you ask me through your tears
The age-old question through the years
Heredity or environment - which are you the
product of?

Neither, my darling. — Neither
Just two different kinds of love.

Anon

Teamwork needed

Yes, if you are one of us in the adoption triangle, the world does owe you a debt. The groups within the triad are prepared to help you collect, but don't expect our help unless you, yourself are ready to give your full support; above all, don't get the mistaken idea that a triad group owes you something for nothing.

Bob O'Dell

Take your stand...



Letter from 'In Search' author

Dear Bob:

People often ask about my special interest in the adoption movement. I'm not an adoptee, I'm not a birthparent. Neither am I an adoptive parent. Yet, I've spent four years of my life writing a novel about adoption. I give financial support to as many organizations as I can... and this past year I have joined five "adoptee rights" groups.

Why?

Because I firmly believe that every person, adoptee or not, has the right to know his past... to research his heritage... and to discover his true identity.

How could anyone relive with mother and daughter the story *In Search of a Stranger* as I have, and not become involved? After meeting people like Jean Paton, Emma May Vilardi, Sandy Musser, Mary Jo Rillero, Betty Jean

Lifton, Jay Smith, Bob O'Dell and a dozen others — how could anyone not want to help with every tool at his command? Not to partake in these events in these times, to my way of thinking is not to have lived.

The adoptee rights program which began as a mere trickle will soon become a river whose powerful tide will sweep all opposition before it. I want to be a part of that surge... that wonderful irresistible flow!

Foolish indeed are those who would stop the flood by trying to catch and hold the individual raindrops!

I just don't want to SEE it happen. I want to help MAKE it happen!

Walter Simon

Write your Senator Today!
Don't let this chance pass you by.
Your story does count.

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Dear Adoptee, Birthparent, Adoptive Parents, and all Search Groups,

Instead of a newsletter, I am writing to plead with you to help us with some important legislation. LB 283 -- access to adoption records at age of majority -- desperately needs your help. The Judiciary committee has all ready amended this bill so it will only help babies born now and in the year 2005; they may have their records.

THIS IS NOT WHAT WE WANT !!!!!

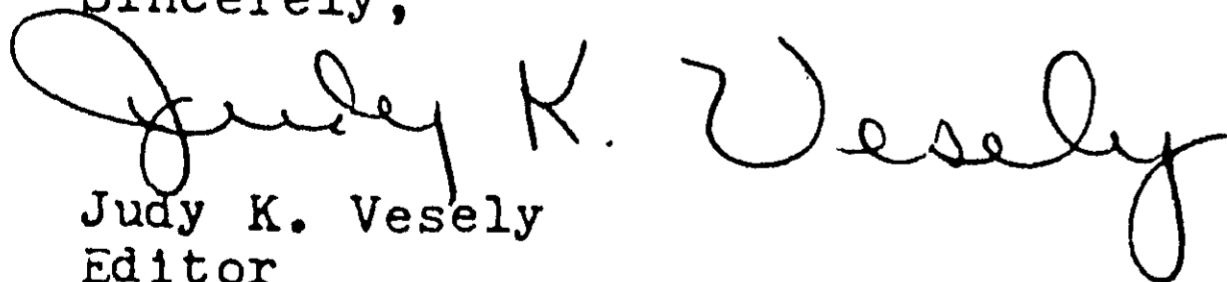
I am pleading with you as an ADULT to consider your right for medical information, sibling information, heredity and genetic information. As an Adoptee, do you want to go through life as an insecure person wrapped in a wall of secrecy? As a Birthparent, don't you want to know what happened to that child you so lovingly and tearfully relinquished years ago? As a SEARCH GROUP, don't we owe it to every member of the Triad to stand up for each other no matter what state we're in?

Please sit down today and write letters or postcards to the enclosed list of Senators. If you're not connected with Nebraska, at least write to Senator John DeCamp or Senator Vard Johnson. Address all letters and postcards to Senator _____, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509.

Tell them that we as ADULTS need information now, not in the year 2005! Remember -- closed records not only affect us, but our children and our childrens' children.

Also, at this time, we would like to thank Florence Fisher and Pam Hasegawa of the A.L.M.A. group in New York for coming to Nebraska in the middle of a snow storm and testifying in our behalf. If we were all as dedicated as these two people, LB 283 would be a reality in all 50 states and Canada.

Sincerely,



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If you have all ready written
letters, write again!
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