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Bill Name: SB267

**For** No Comment Apr-09-2003

I am not only a Nevada born adoptee, but I am also the birth mother to a Nevada born adoptee. I feel it is imperative that this bill be passed. Adoptees should have the option to know their medical histories, and their heritage. Please do the right thing for all adoptees and pass this bill. Thank you in advance for your consideration of my comments.

**For** Apr-08-2003

As a reunited adoptee living in Clark County, I strongly believe that adult adopted persons should have the basic right to have access to their adoption records without exceptions to be on par with non-adopted citizens. We deserve to know our genetics, medical history, and our heritage. Our past helps us to know exactly who we are.

**For** Apr-07-2003

I'M a reunited adoptee whose birth parents and myself have requested my sealed records opened and the courts refuse. I am 42 years old. I am Hope Yvonne Davis by love and birth and Rebecca Linda (Horton) Andersen by adoption and love. Adoption only changed my name not who I really am. I believe adoption records should be open to all adult adoptees age 18 or older.

**For** Apr-06-2003

I am an adoptee from Washoe County. I believe that I have the right to know who I am. I also believe that I am entitled to my original birth certificate. I also have children who deserve to know their family history. Please, don't keep it away from us, we deserve to know or true parentage.

**For** Apr-04-2003

Passing this bill will allow an adoptee to rightfully obtain their medical history, especially during critical times.

**For** Apr-02-2003

I agree with Patricia Glenn of the Nevada Rights to Life

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| <b>Against</b> | about this proposed bill. My greatest fear is that if this passes, more women will chose abortion instead of adoption as a way to deal with unwanted pregnancy due to the fear of disclosure. This country already kills too many babies!  | Apr-01-2003 |
| <b>Against</b> | I am an adoptive mother here in the state of Nevada. I am very against this purposed bill because it does not even begin to think about what best for the child. If this bill were to pass, it will open the door for birth mothers to come find the child they placed any time they wish. I am not against open adoptions, however, these types of adoptions are agreed to prior to placement. Our 1st daughter's birth mother became pregant when she had an affair with her husband's best friend. She wanted to save | Mar-31-2003 |
| <b>For</b>     | Responsible adults should not be forbidden to know their own pasts. This is an important bill to help people with medical and emotional issues alike. It would be a big mistake to not let it pass.  | Mar-31-2003 |
| <b>For</b>     | Especially in regard to possible health issues I think all adoptees should be able to access information regarding health history of their birth parents.  | Mar-30-2003 |
| <b>For</b>     | being adopted...i feel it is very important for us adoptees to know our biological history. It's not about finding the biolgical parents but just knowing your biological history.   | Mar-29-2003 |
| <b>For</b>     | Being a 40 year old adoptee I can tell you that this information is very important to the well being of an adoptee. Not knowing where I come from or having any knowledge of family history (both medical and ancestry) has always made me feel apart and different from others. Meeting my parents has never been my objective--only knowing something of my past. (My adoption took place in Reno, NV, in 1962.)   | Mar-28-2003 |
| <b>Against</b> | Testimony of C. Michael Rasmussen SB 267 Dear Senators: My name is Michael Rasmussen. I am an adoptive father of two children, the second who arrived home with my wife and me today, Thursday, March 27, 2003. For that reason alone I am unable to testify in person. I am attorney with the Alverson, Taylor, Mortensen, Nelson & Sanders law firm's Las Vegas office. Please accept this email as my testimony and incorporate the same into the Senate Judiciary Committee record. As an adoptive parent I          | Mar-27-2003 |
| <b>For</b>     | As a licensed social worker, I am in favor of this bill.   | Mar-27-2003 |
| <b>For</b>     | Absolutely. For health, for children who's both parents are dead...for knowing....they know who raised them..but they should know who their parents are.   | Mar-27-2003 |
| <b>For</b>     | No Comment   | Mar-27-2003 |
| <b>Against</b> | No Comment   | Mar-27-2003 |
| <b>For</b>     | I am a Deputy Sheriff in this state and firmly believe in this governments ability to realize when a law is needed for this state. I firmly believe this law should be passed...My wife is a Nevada Born Adoptee...with so many potential diseases that are hereditary...this information is needed for her and our children...Like me, you serve the people, please give them their right to access and pass this Bill..Thank You   | Mar-26-2003 |

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| <b>For</b> | No Comment  | Mar-26-2003 |
|            | As an adoptee born and raised in Nevada and still residing here, this bill is extrememly important to adoptees. Those of us in support are not looking to   |             |
| <b>For</b> | "open wounds" or replace those that have spent many years raising us into the adults we have become. Some of us need to know for medical purposes, others want to say "Thank you." Please vote in support of this bill. Thank you for your time.  | Mar-26-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment  | Mar-26-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment  | Mar-26-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | The adoptee did not choose to be born and deserves to have knowledge of his or her medical history.   | Mar-26-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment  | Mar-26-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment  | Mar-26-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | I Believe Adults should have the right.   | Mar-26-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment  | Mar-26-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment  | Mar-26-2003 |
|            | I feel it is very important for an adoptee to know who his birthparents were and some history of that persons medical and historical background, if they so request it, upon becoming an adult. I also believe that the   |             |
| <b>For</b> | adopting parents should be able to access as much medical history as possible before that time, for the benefit of the child and their care. The lives of the adopting family and the adoptee are greatly at risk, or may be benefitted by the knowledge or access thereof of that information. The | Mar-26-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment  | Mar-26-2003 |
|            | I believe that it is the right of human beings to know where he/she comes from.It is important to know family   |             |
| <b>For</b> | history especially when it may be for medical reasons.  | Mar-26-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | For medical reasons, I believe that adoptees should have access to parents medical records.   | Mar-25-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment  | Mar-25-2003 |
|            | When the health of a person is at stake, I believe the parents of an adopted child should be revealed to that   |             |
| <b>For</b> | adult child   | Mar-25-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | I think all adoptees should have the right to there birth records for if anything, medical reasons.   | Mar-25-2003 |
|            | I have been in need of my medical history for many years now. It it imperative that I receive this information but sincy my records are sealed I cannot obtain it. I have done everything to make this happen and this bill is my last resource!  |             |
| <b>For</b> |   | Mar-25-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | Adult adoptees have a right to their birth info just as other citizens. Birthmom, CA  | Mar-25-2003 |
|            | As an adoptee, I fully support this bill. Vote YES on SB 267! Restore the right of adult adopted persons to access records about *themselves* – the exact same  |             |
| <b>For</b> | right every non-adopted Nevadan takes for granted!  | Mar-25-2003 |
|            | I am an adult adpotee reunited with my family (quite happily)in Sparks, NV. My father and paternal family members searched for decades for me and I searched  |             |

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| <b>For</b>     | for them. It is an absolute infringement on the rights of ADULTS to keep from them the records that are normally taken for granted by others. It is also not up to the government to make decisions about whether or not ADULTS (mind you, these are not children) whom they will or will not contact and whether or not that contact will end up in a relation  | Mar-25-2003 |
| <b>For</b>     | No Comment   | Mar-25-2003 |
| <b>For</b>     | I am a California attorney whose client is a Nevada adoptee. This bill would bring Nevada in line with the trend among states to strip away outdated notions of privacy that truly harm adoptees by denying them access to information that all citizens should have, to learn of their family roots.<br>As a Nevada born adoptee, I support passage of this bill to open records to adults seeking the same records as all other adult citizens in this country have, with the odd exception of adoptees. Closed records has prevented issuance of passports without special affidavits obtained and has dramatically slowed the issuance of a Social Security card to enable me to work. This is a violation of my rights as any other citizen in the US. I urge you to vote YES for passage of SB267, opening records for adult a | Mar-25-2003 |
| <b>For</b>     | I am the mother of a daughter adopted through the State of Nevada- I feel it is vitally important that my daughter and all adult adoptees have access to their original birth records . It is the right of every living person to know his or her heritage and for many reasons it goes straight to the inner core of these people. Please don't deny these adult adoptees their birthright.   | Mar-24-2003 |
| <b>For</b>     | I never lie about anything so it galls me to know that anytime I give someone a copy of my birth certificate I'm lying. Let we adoptees have our OBCs.   | Mar-24-2003 |
| <b>For</b>     | Please give adoptees the rights to access all files and records concerning their adoptions. We are not children any more and should be able to have the same rights as all others who are over 18. Thank you   | Mar-24-2003 |
| <b>For</b>     | This bill follows in the steps of Alabama & Oregon in restoring these rights to adult adoptees.  | Mar-24-2003 |
| <b>Against</b> | No Comment   | Mar-24-2003 |
| <b>For</b>     | Please pass this excellent bill, that allows adult adopted people access to their truth, and eliminates the unneeded state middleman. The "privacy" laws are wrong. I am a birthmother who never wanted nor asked for confidentiality. We are all adults and thus can say what we choose in reunion. In the meantime, the right to where one comes from is correct and morally right for all. DO PASS!   | Mar-24-2003 |
| <b>For</b>     | I am a birthmother who never knew what adoptees went through until my son found me. Adoptees need to know where they came from and who they are.   | Mar-24-2003 |
| <b>For</b>     | please pass  | Mar-24-2003 |
| <b>For</b>     | Everyone deserves there original birth certificate PERIOD!   | Mar-24-2003 |
| <b>For</b>     | No Comment   | Mar-24-2003 |

AS a parent who has adopted, and the son of woman

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| For | who was adopted, I believe it is vitally important for children to connect to their birth parents. In no way does it take away from the love one has for the adoptive parent, it only goes to help make the adopted child more whole.   | Mar-24-2003 |
| For | No Comment  | Mar-24-2003 |
| For | No Comment  | Mar-24-2003 |
| For | A birthmother for open records for everyone.  | Mar-23-2003 |
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| For | Please give adoptees the same rights as other citizens to know their genetic history.   | Mar-23-2003 |
| For | No Comment  | Mar-23-2003 |
| For | I feel it is important for adopted persons to find out who their biological parents were so that they may also find out the medical history of their biological parents, in hopes that they can try to do what is necessary to prevent illness that tends to run in the biological family.  | Mar-23-2003 |
| For | As a birthmother, I beg you to let adopted individuals grow up and be adults, with the same rights and privileges as the rest of us—to know our heritage. The very few birthmothers who do not want to be found should not keep the records closed—everyone should have the right to know who they are, where they fit into the tree of life. Lorraine Dusky, author of Birthmark, the first memoir written from a birthmother's perspective (1979).  | Mar-23-2003 |
| For | I support all adult adoptees to have access to their original birth certificate. I am a birthmother of the 1960's.  | Mar-22-2003 |
| For | Adult adoptees are the only group of individuals who cannot access their original birth certificates. SB267 will remedy this.   | Mar-22-2003 |
| For | Every person should have the right to have his/her original birth certificate. It's a basic human right. It is my hope the Nevada legislature will pass this bill as quickly as possible and with no changes.   | Mar-22-2003 |
| For | No Comment  | Mar-22-2003 |
| For | I am an adoptee from Maryland...my records are sealed. When I hired the states CI program to find my birth mom I found out that I had sisters that were born in another state..When I approached that state I was told that they could not help me because I didn't have my original birth certificate to be put on that states registry. If I had access to my birth certificate I could have been put on the registry.BUT if Nevada paved the way for other states in opening the RECORDS I would have never had to go thro | Mar-22-2003 |
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| <b>For</b> | Adult adopted persons should have the basic human/humane right to have access to their biological, genetic, medical information with NO exceptions in my opinion.  | Mar-22-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment   | Mar-22-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment   | Mar-21-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | My husbands bc was "altered" reading only the info from his "a" parents. This is not fair - He is 34 and is capable of making his own decisions - it shouldn't be political!! Please vote yes!!!! Thank you!   | Mar-21-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | I am a California-born adoptee. I support the right of ALL citizens to access their records of identity, regardless of the state in which they were born or whether they were adopted or not. YES ON SB 267!   | Mar-21-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | Even if it is non identifying information it should be free to the birthparents and/or adoptee   | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | Opening adoption records isn't about search and reunion between biological parents and adopted adults. It's about Civil Rights. Adult adoptees are the ONLY group of citizens who are barred by law from accessing their own vital statistics information. And only for the reason that they have been adopted. Not only are open records considered best practices by adoption professionals, but are also considered good law as evidenced by rulings from the Oregon Supreme Court and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appea     | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment   | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment   | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | As an father of adopted children, I want what is best for them. Open records is best. Please support SB 267  | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | As an adoptive parent, I believe that these children, now adults, deserve their information. Please pass sb267   | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | Although I do not live in Nevada at this time, I do support this bill as I was adopted in Las Vegas. I feel that as an adult I should have access to all of my records. Thank you.   | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | Some of you may know my Father Chief Judge Seymore H. Brown of Las Vegas, Nevada. He asked me on January 1, 2000 if I ever wanted to know my Birth Parents. That year on June 16, 2000 my Father passed away, it was also my 34 Birthday. 5 months ago my Mother passed away . I never wanted or cared to know my Birth Parents. Watching both my adoptive parents die these last 2 1/2 years makes me curious if I have any diseases in my bloodline. I believe I have a right to know if Cancer or some other disease is som | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment   | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment   | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | PLEASE vote for this bill allowing adult adoptees access to their OWN most personal information! Nevada, lead the way for California!  | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment   | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | yes please,open our adoption records.  | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment   | Mar-20-2003 |

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| <b>For</b> | In keeping with the Best Practice and Standards of Excellence in Adoption today, SB 267 will restore the right of Adult Adoptees to access their own birth and adoption records.  | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment  | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | Nevada opening it's adoption records leads the way for other states. As an adoptee, I believe this is family's rights to know where they came from and of any medical problems.   | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment  | Mar-20-2003 |
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| <b>For</b> | No Comment  | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | I am an adoptee who has struggled just to learn basic medical information. It is very important that we are allowed access to these records. Please hear our cries and let us know who we are and where we come from.   | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment  | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | I have three adopted children and we need to know their medical history.  | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | No Comment  | Mar-20-2003 |
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| <b>For</b> | No Comment  | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | I support and agree with this open records bill.  | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | Please pass SB267   | Mar-20-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | I am a 3rd generation Nevadan and an adoptee born in Henderson in 1965. I support SB267. I feel it is a matter of civil rights and would give ALL those born in Nevada equal access to vital information.   | Mar-16-2003 |
| <b>For</b> | As a Nevada born adoptee, I should have the right to any state held document about my birth, just as any non-adopted citizen. And records of my adoption. Just as any party to any action has. This bill would give all people born in Nevada equal rights under the law, which they do not have now. | Mar-16-2003 |

