

**VIA EMAIL**

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I am a Minnesota lawyer who advocates for adult adoptee rights. I am writing to request information about the recent bankruptcy of Independent Adoption Center (IAC), which is a state-licensed child-placing agency in California. Your names were listed by IAC for licensing issues related to its bankruptcy.

Specifically, I am asking for information about how your office will assure that IAC's adoption records are preserved and transferred to a responsible entity. Transfer of these adoption records to a responsible party is critical to assure that any rights of adoptees to access identifying and nonidentifying information from those files is preserved.

While I do not practice law in your state, my office posts information of broad interest to adult adoptees, particularly information related to adoption records and access to those records as required by law.

Please let me know what efforts have been made to secure the adoption records of Independent Adoption Center.

Best regards,



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