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Representative Steve Elkins
via email: rep.steve.elkins@house.mn.gov
Senator Erin Maye Quade
via email: sen.erin.mayequade@senate.mn

Re: H.F. 1778/S.F. 1279

Dear Representative Elkins and Senator Maye Quade:

On behalf of the Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys ("AAAA"), we are writing to express support for H.B. 1778/S.F. 1279.

The Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys is a national organization dedicated to the competent and ethical practice of adoption and assisted reproduction law, and advocates for the improvement of adoption laws and practices. It plays a leading role in the development of laws, policies, and practices designed to benefit the lives of all members of the adoption triad and in the advancement of a better understanding of the meaning and importance of adoption for society in general.

In January 2018, AAAA approved a resolution that provides in part:

The Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys supports the inherent rights of adult adopted persons to their personal biological family information and to have access to their:

1. original birth certificates;
2. agency records which relate to them and their biological family; and
3. court records of their adoption.

Consistent with AAAA's resolution, which also commits to taking action to promote the revision of laws and policies governing the rights of adopted persons to information regarding their personal history, AAAA supports H.B. 1778/S.F. 1279 and urges its passage in both the House and Senate.

If we can be of assistance in advocating for this bill before any committees, we are happy to assist in arranging for local AAAA Fellows to testify on behalf of our Academy.

Respectfully,

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