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Senator Karen Spilka, Chair
Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities
Room 511-C, State House
Boston, MA 02133

Representative Cheryl Coakley-Rivera, Chair
Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities
Room 146, State House
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Dear Senator Spilka and Representative Coakley-Rivera:

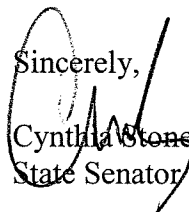
I am writing in support of Senate Bill 71, *An Act Relative to the Birth Certificates of Certain Adopted Children*, and Senate Bill 75, *An Act Further Regulating the Placement of Certain Children*.

S. 71 deals with a situation that is unfortunately too common. In some circumstances, after a child has been adopted, the adoptive parents choose to surrender the children and place the children back in the hands of DSS. This bill would facilitate the process by which a child, in that situation, could change his or her name back from the last name taken as a result of the adoption.

S.75 would clarify that only non-profit corporations may be licensed as adoption placement agencies. It is comprised of the same language that was enacted by the House and Senate last session but was pocket vetoed by Governor Romney.

I ask that you report these bills favorably out of committee as soon as possible. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,


Cynthia Stone Creem
State Senator