



March 18, 2024

The Honorable Dave Pinto
Chair, Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy
Minnesota House of Representatives
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for HF4459 (Article 4)

Dear Chair Pinto and Members of the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee:

I am an adopted person and the attorney/founder of Minnesota-based Adoptee Rights Law Center as well as the executive director of Adoptees United Inc., a national charitable nonprofit organization. **I write in support of the changes to current law as outlined in Article 4 (Adoption Records) of HF4459, as introduced.** The provisions in that article are corrective in nature and address issues that were identified after the enactment of SF2995 last year. These proposed changes were also shared in advance with me and with other stakeholders who were involved in securing the enactment of current law, which will become fully effective on July 1, 2024.

I will try to be available for questions, if any, when the bill comes before the committee on March 19, 2024. I appreciate both your committee's time and expertise on this issue and further acknowledge the professionalism and consideration the Department of Human Services demonstrated in reaching out to affected stakeholders.

Best regards,

ADOPTEE RIGHTS LAW CENTER PLLC



Gregory D. Luce



March 15, 2024

**To: Representative Dave Pinto, Chair
and members of House Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee**

Minnesota Coalition for Adoption Reform ***supports*** updating statues regarding adoption records to insure efficient implementation of the law changes from the 2023 session.

These changes are included in the **Children and Family Services Administration policy bill**,
In **Article 4 [HF 4459](#) (Hanson, J) / [SF 4572](#) (Wiklund)**.

Thank you for your work on this.
We are very excited for the July 1, 2024 implementation.

Sincerely,

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