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The Honorable Cody Harris
Representative for Texas District 8
Room E2.606
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, TX 78768

Re: H.B. 2006

Dear Representative Harris:

On behalf of the Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys ("AAAA"), we are writing to express support for your recently filed H.B. 2006. We understand that at present there is no companion bill in the Senate.

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. 2006 in the Assembly and urges introduction in the Senate.

We urge your colleagues to move this bill forward and to send this to the Governor for signature and final enactment.

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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