



# Monique Taylor

## MPP, HAMILTON MOUNTAIN

Minister Jill Dunlop  
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Dear Minister Dunlop,

Thank you for your response to the petition I tabled regarding post adoption birth information (P-228 Post adoption birth information).

I am writing to reiterate my request that you remove barriers for next of kin attempting to access Post Adoption Birth Information (identifying information) in the event that an adult adopted person or a natural/birth parent is deceased.

The inability for next of kin to access information when the adopted person or natural/birth parent is deceased needlessly separates immediate family members who are seeking out their next of kin. It also stops the children of deceased adopted people from gaining knowledge of their identity and possible Indigenous heritage.

In the response to our petition, you noted that you are redesigning the adoption system in Ontario. While there are many aspects of Ontario's adoption system that may need revision, I ask that you also review access to post adoption information for next of kin when the adopted person or natural/birth parent is deceased.

I would also be pleased to speak with you further about this issue, or connect you with constituents who are advocating for this policy change so that you can hear directly about how this would positively impact the lives of the next of kin. I look forward to your response on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monique Taylor".

Monique Taylor, MPP

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