

_____ [TODAY'S DATE]
_____ [YOUR FULL NAME HERE]
_____ [YOUR STREET ADDRESS]
_____ [CITY], TX [ZIPCODE]

Texas Vital Statistics
Department of State Health Services
PO Box 12040
Austin, TX 78711-2040

Dear Texas Vital Statistics,

My name is _____ [YOUR FULL NAME]. I was born on _____ [YOUR BIRTHDAY, INCLUDING YEAR] in _____ [CITY WHERE YOU WERE BORN]. On _____ [DATE YOU WERE ADOPTED], I was adopted by _____ [ADOPTIVE PARENTS' FULL NAMES]. My mother's maiden name was _____ [YOUR MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME]. When I was adopted, a new birth certificate was created for me. It listed my adoptive parents' names rather than my birth parents' names. On _____ [DATE ADOPTION LEGALLY ENDED], my adoption was _____ ["REVOKED" OR "ANNULLED"].

I am writing to you because I would like my birth certificate to have the names of my actual parents, rather than the names of my former adoptive parents with whom I no longer have a legal relationship. My birth parents' names were _____ [BIRTH PARENTS' FULL NAMES AT THE TIME OF YOUR BIRTH]. My mother's maiden name was _____ [YOUR MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME]. Please issue me a birth certificate that reflects this original (pre-adoption) information.

Enclosed, please find a certified copy of Judge _____ [JUDGE'S NAME]'s order _____ ["REVOKING" OR "ANNULLING"] the adoption. Please also find a _____ ["CHECK" OR "MONEY ORDER"] for \$47. This includes the \$25 fee to file a new birth certificate for me and the \$22 fee to send me a certified copy.

Thank you,

[YOUR FULL NAME HERE]

Enclosures (2)

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