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Donor Conception Support Group

Our only means of a family was through donor conception and in 1982 we were told it was a closed book that we were to tell no one, including the child, of the roller coaster experience. We were pleased that the donor was anonymous and would have no knowledge of any offspring. How naive we were!

As our two babies became children and we couldn't live with lies and secrecy that would be involved with not allowing them the right of knowing how they came to be. We had to have separate donors after the AIDS outbreak which meant all donations had to be destroyed and though names are on the register they were born before 1988, so we need the law passed that would allow all those DI children (now adults) to have contact with the donor if they wish, to answer so many questions they have of their origin and their being. It is a human's right.

When our children were little I looked forward to knowing that in 10 years the donors records would be destroyed, as we were told they would be, but am now so thankful to know they were not. A lot of records are still available of the donors and the offspring must be legally able to have the right to view them. In no way would we want any legal bonding or financial responsibility to come into law that the donor would be responsible for. That is not what we are asking for. We are asking for a human, moral right.

My husband and I would personally love to meet the man who allowed us to have our family, to say thankyou and to answer some questions we wonder about. But that is not what we are asking for in this letter. We are asking for questions of all offspring to be answered and we're very grateful that this may be coming to be.

Yours sincerely