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***Assemblyman David Weprin, Senator Velmanette Montgomery, Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter  
Adoptee Rights Advocates Announce First Day of OBC Access for Adult Adoptees***

**ALBANY, NEW YORK** – On **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15** at **11:00 AM** on the **Assembly Staircase, 3rd Floor in Albany**, Assemblyman David I. Weprin, Senator Velmanette Montgomery, Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter & other elected officials will join several adult adopted individuals, birth parents & adoptee rights advocates to announce the first day of access for adult adoptees seeking a copy of their original birth certificate. Assembled legislators will also present a pen certificate, a symbolic document commemorating the enactment of legislation, to a number of supporters of the legislation.

The Clean Bill of Adoptee Rights, A5494 Weprin / S3419 Montgomery, was signed by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on November 14, 2019. The legislation, which passed both houses of the legislature in 2019 after a decades long push by advocates and lawmakers, establishes the right of adoptees to receive a certified copy of their birth certificate upon reaching the age of 18.

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 at 11:00 AM**

**WHERE: Assembly Staircase, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Capitol, Albany**

**WHO: Assemblyman David I. Weprin, Senator Velmanette Montgomery, Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter, Adoptee Rights Advocates**

**VISUALS: Legislators present advocates with pen certificates, speak on access to original birth certificates.**

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