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## **Jones Questions Liberals About Adoption Disclosures**

(Queen's Park) – Sylvia Jones, MPP (Dufferin-Caledon), today called upon the Liberal government to answer the call from families who want their personal information protected against adoption disclosures.

Bill 12, the Access to Adoption Records Act was passed just over a year ago. The Act allows for adopted children and biological parents to access their files and find a match. However, if either party has signed an adoption disclosure veto, then no information about them will be distributed.

“There is a significant backlog in the processing of adoption disclosure vetoes,” said Jones. “Ontarians who do not want their information released are concerned that their vetoes will not get processed in time for the June 1 deadline for veto submissions.”

After June 1, parents and children can apply to unlock adoption records. These adopted children and parents who submitted vetoes are concerned that unregistered vetoes will not be cross-referenced with applications to unlock records. Jones highlighted an example of an individual whose biological parent has a history of violent offences and may gain access to their record.

“These adopted children have the right to be concerned,” said Jones. “They do not want their personal information being released into the hands of someone who could do them or their family harm. All submitted vetoes need to be registered before any information is released.”

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