



October 21, 2008

Commission on Open Government
412 Knott Building
Tallahassee, Florida

Re: Support of Recommendations from DCF, Access to Records

Dear Chairperson Peterson and Commission Members:

First, we want to thank you for listening to our concerns about access to our own records. Our history, our very identity, is contained in those records and we much want easier access to them for ourselves and for the youth who will need them in the future.

I know you are considering your final recommendations to the Governor today and would be with you if possible, but I have a test in one of my college classes and can not miss it.

Florida Youth SHINE and I hope that you will include access to our records in your final recommendations and in any legislative package you prepare.

Your support of the possible legislation will go a long way towards helping it pass in the next session.

We promise to work with you and the Governor and others to educate the Legislature on the importance of Open Government in general and access to our records in particular.

Thank You for considering our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin Singleton".

Robin Singleton
Legislative Committee Chair
Florida Youth SHINE