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From: **Individual**

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Subject: Re changing the Bill's title

Dear Nick and Committee Members,

Thank you for the very careful consideration you are giving to this Bill.

It was really helpful to hear the discussion at yesterday's meeting on the consultation responses. I was particularly interested in the point that the title of a Bill may have implications for what can be considered within its scope. I would imagine that the title of the Truth Recovery Design Panel Report was chosen for brevity and simplicity and was not intended to define its meaning or limit its scope. The authors made it clear throughout the report that what requires investigation is a system of institutions, agencies, and state actors operating through interconnected pathways and practices. These pathways and practices are referenced repeatedly and are essential to understanding how coercive family separation occurred across both institutional and non-institutional settings. The report explicitly includes within this system the adoption system, related institutions such as baby homes and private nursing homes, and cross-border transfers of children and women. It follows that the title of the Bill, like that of the Report, should not be used to restrict or reinterpret its scope from that set out by the Design Panel. I am hoping the Committee will consider amending the Bill's title to include wording such as "pathways and practices," to ensure that the inquiry addresses the entire system of coercive separation rather than a narrow list of institutions. I've attached a document outlining the argument for doing so below.

Sincere thanks for all the hard work the committee is doing to consider this Bill. I very much appreciate your outreach to those impacted and your willingness to consider a variety of views.

With kind regards,  
Individual