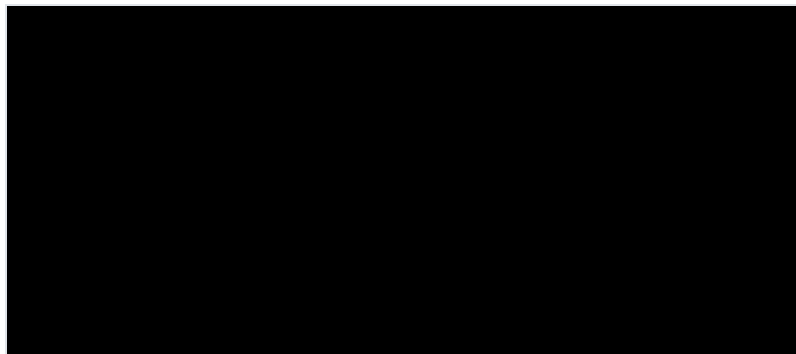


To: HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
Re: HB 2331

Attached: Cover Sheet

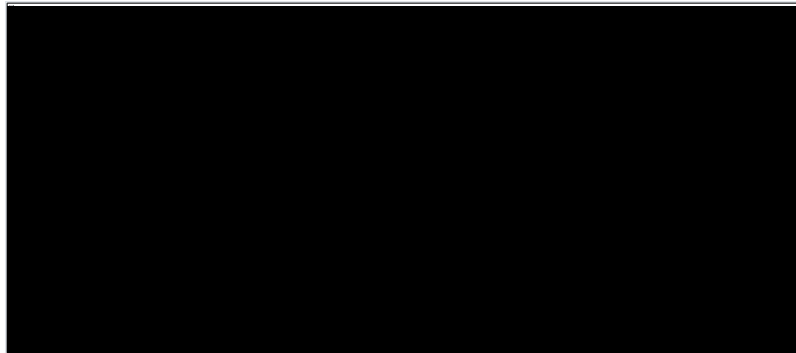
Background:

I've just become aware of HB 2331 and a hearing scheduled for Feb 25th. This legislation is missing critical criteria, which goes against the federal law I promoted and helped get passed, The Help Find the Missing Act - Billy's Law, [Public Law No: 117-327](#)



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Sponsor: Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT] (Introduced 12/08/2022)  
Latest Action: 12/27/2022 Became Public Law No: 117-327. (All Actions)  
Roll Call Votes: There has been 1 roll call vote

Tracker: Tip This bill has the status Became Law Here are the steps for Status of Legislation:  
Introduced Passed Senate Passed House To President Became Law

I agree that coroners should not be held liable, but this proposed legislation does not direct them to correctly follow all avenues to get the deceased person identified or, if identified but unclaimed, into the proper databases. NamUs.gov has an unclaimed side to their system.

I know this is very hard for most people to understand, the world of the missing and unidentified, but I have lived it since 2005. So many families across the country and here in Kansas are waiting for their answer on their missing loved one. Many were buried with no name and no reunification with family. One young woman in Texas, when her father went missing, immediately went to the medical examiner's office and was told he wasn't there. Many, many years later, after searching and searching, living in the hell of the unknown, her father was found buried in an unmarked grave with no name. Come to find out, when she was in the medical examiner's office, her father was just feet away from her, an unidentified deceased person. This isn't an isolated case; this happens over and over again.

The system is broken in trying to reunite the missing with their families or loved ones. I've tried to fix what I can, and I beg you to please not break it further. I lived this hell. I realized early on in my search that I was going to have to body watch and ambulance chase deceased bodies found across the nation. Coroners and medical examiners got to know me well. Some would be proactive and contact me to let me know it wasn't my husband before I could call them. Others blocked my calls. This shouldn't be! No families should be put through this. When proper forensics are gathered and entered into the proper databases, it helps alleviate some of the brokenness. If we in Kansas just let our unidentified and unclaimed persons be buried or scattered without gathering proper forensics and entering them into the appropriate databases, you extend hell for families, loved ones, friends, and even coworkers. For families, the hell of the search can go on for generations. Please do everything to protect and respect the dignity of giving an unidentified person back their name and giving their family an answer.

Sincerely,

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St. Augustine of Hippo said, *"Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are, and courage to see that they do not remain as they are."*

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