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Good afternoon my name is Quinn Coones, the youngest child of the late Olin Coones. And I'm here today to speak on the importance of the bill HB 2131.

The actions of the individual do not always affect just the individual. Due to the actions and words of an individual. Words that were not checked, actions that were not investigated my father spent 12 years wrongfully imprisoned and my family spent 12 years in pain.

I was only 7 at the time of his arrest and 20 at the time of his death. I lost the opportunity to ever get to know my father. In the short 108 days I spent with him after his release I got to know one thing about him. His desire for change to keep anything as tragic and painful as what happened to our family to happening to anyone else's. By putting a system into place to make sure an individual's words and actions are true and honest.

I believe we can keep his dream alive and make a positive and impactful change. There are many things I wish to do in his honor and the most important I believe is carrying on his legacy and making change. That is why I believe that the bill HB 2131 is important. Thank you.