



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: ANTHONY SCHERER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: arniedienoff@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person	SUBMIT DATE: 2/7/2024 11:59 PM
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WITNESS NAME: COURTNEY NELSON		PHONE NUMBER: 314-287-1769
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSING PERSON SUPPORT CENTER		TITLE: BOARD MEMBER/ADVOCATE
ADDRESS:		
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WITNESS NAME: DIANE SCHERER-MORRIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: JOHN GRADY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: LINDSAY TRAMMEL		PHONE NUMBER: 864-238-2961	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ST. LOUIS COUNTY OFFICE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION		TITLE: FORMER ANTHROPOLOGIST	
ADDRESS: 6059 N. HENLEY RD			
CITY: BERKLEY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63134
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WITNESS NAME: MATTHEW D. HACKMANN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: RETHA HOLLAND		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: retha@pcalliance.biz		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/6/2024 11:44 AM

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Dear House Committee members, Please consider passing Mrs. Byrnes nonpartisan Missing Persons Bill HB 1716. With the technology today it is hard to believe we have not addressed or put better cooperative systems in place to address this issue. Being more concerned about "speed traps" and the technology/revenue associated with that in our police/sheriff departments. What happened to protect and serve? I personally cannot imagine what it would be like to lose a loved one, never knowing what had happened to them. When you see the unbelievable amount of missing children in 2023 alone is astounding. It begs the question of what our priorities are as human beings. What is the priority of the tax revenue that is paid to our municipalities? Again we cannot imagine what these families are going through, nor would we ever want to, living that nightmare without end. Retha Holland



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WITNESS NAME: STEVIE CRUMP		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: THEDA ROXANNE WILSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: TheदारoxWilson@gmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/5/2024 8:35 PM

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I, Theda Roxanne Wilson, the mother of missing murdered Christian Taylor Ferguson, founder and president of Looking for an Angel, Inc., and missing persons activist and advocate, will begin by thanking God that my cries and the cries of over 1,300+ individuals and families with missing family members have finally been heard. Too many children and adults alike go missing in and are missing from Missouri. Most people in our communities and throughout this state are neither aware of the number of people missing nor do they know what those that are missing "look like" since numerous missing persons are only represented by silhouettes... #WeCantFindThoseWeCantSee Did you know that some flyers on the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) website have details concerning missing persons cases but NO IMAGES or PHOTOS to help the public assist with identifying those that are missing? THIS IS RIDICULOUS and a shame! MSHP is not responsible for this intentional negligence. Maybe it's the fault of heartless, lazy, and uninterested individuals that work for our investigating agencies. Or maybe the police department representatives working on these cases want to do more but their superiors won't allow them to do what is just and proper. Whatever the case investigating agencies fail to provide the Missouri State Highway Patrol with images of a plethora of missing persons. On many occasions, this is because those taking missing person reports and handing these cases simply don't ask individuals and families for a picture of their missing loved ones. If we really care for those in Missouri and individuals that come and go through this Show-Me state, we will make sure we are doing all we can in our capacities to address the missing persons epidemic and support those with missing loved ones. We must educate law enforcement about NAMUS, missing person legislation and expectations, and work collaboratively with missing persons organization, like Looking for an Angel, Inc., and members of the community. We also must hold police departments and law enforcement agencies accountable and demand that they do all they can to publicize and locate missing persons in our state. We also need to make sure the public is aware of unidentified persons on the NAMUS website. Missouri has a lot of work to do support the missing and their loved ones. This legislation is essential and provides help and hope to those with missing loved ones. I'm grateful this bill has come this far and I look forward to celebrating the passage of the same with individuals in our state of Missouri and beyond.



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WITNESS NAME: TRENA GAMA		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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With all the missing children and the trafficking of children, this bill is a must, in order to keep our children safe. This bill is a no brainer, it's obvious there is a need for an entry into the national missing person data base to be included, in a missing person police report. Thank you!