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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HB 2164 makes it harder for families to hold someone accountable when a loved one is killed. It tightens the rules around who is allowed to file a wrongful death lawsuit and locks families into a single chance to do it right. If the wrong person files first, if paperwork is mishandled, or if new information comes out later, families can be permanently shut out of court. That doesn't protect justice—it protects whoever caused the harm. In the real world, this bill risks silencing grieving families, especially in complicated family situations, while giving more legal cover to corporations, institutions, or negligent actors.

At its core, HB 2164 puts legal technicalities ahead of people, and that's why it deserves strong opposition.