

Subject: Support Mandated Forensic Funding & Adoption Safety Reform

Dear Senator [Last Name],

I am writing to advocate for comprehensive legislative reform aimed at protecting adopted youth and modernizing our state's approach to long-term cold cases. The horrific timeline of the Aundria Bowman case demonstrates what happens when systemic oversight fails across decades.

Aundria Bowman was adopted into a household where her adoptive father had prior convictions for violent assault, yet a lack of continuous, cross-jurisdictional post-placement monitoring allowed her environment to remain dangerously unvetted. Furthermore, when she went missing, her case remained static for thirty years until investigative genetic genealogy finally linked her killer to a separate cold case.

To prevent such compounding failures, we need robust, state-wide legislative mandates. I urge you to introduce or co-sponsor legislation focusing on two key pillars:

1. Enhanced Post-Adoption Protections: Strengthening background check parameters and welfare safety nets for children placed in adoptive homes, ensuring that a parental history of violence triggers protective monitoring.
2. Mandatory Cold Case Audits & Funding: Legislate recurring, mandatory audits of all long-term missing persons and unidentified remains cases, explicitly allocating state funds for advanced forensic tracking, DNA technology, and investigative genetic genealogy.

The tools to solve these cases exist today, but local agencies lack the statutory mandates and funding to deploy them. I look forward to hearing your position on cold case reform.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]