

Hello, thank you chairperson and fellow members of the committee. My name is Danielle Rea; I live at 18 Pearl St., Milford, Ct. I am here today to testify on Bill # 6563; an act concerning the investigation of Missing Persons Reports.

I want you all to imagine^{one} that you go home tonight to your loving families. Everything seems normal as you go thru your usual routine settling in for the evening, waiting for your spouse and children to come home. Your children come home with your spouse from the day's activities. You all eat dinner together. Your spouse has plans to meet some friends for a social event after dinner. Your spouse tells you I love you and they'll see you and the children when they return home. As always they are home at a reasonable time but this they didn't come home at a reasonable time. Now you're up waiting, it's now 4 AM and they're still not home. Which is very unusual for their patterns and behavior. You've been calling their cell phone since 12 midnight. You wake up and your spouse still hasn't returned it's now 6:30 AM. The children ask where your spouse is. You don't know what to tell your own kids. Your spouse is always there to see the children off to school with a big kiss and hug. You're calling all of your spouses friends only to find out your spouse left the social event saying they're tired and go home. You never see your spouse again. What happens next? You call the police only to be told there is nothing they could do.

I want you to imagine^{one} today that your adult child leaves your home to go to a club with friends. Your child tells you that they'll be home about 3 am but never came home. Your child has a habit of this behavior but usually calls in the morning, but no call. Hours pass. No call. You start trying to get in touch with the friends of your child and they say she never went out to the club. You have no idea where your adult is. This has never happened before and now your worried about the "What if". You call the police. You're informed your child is an adult and there is nothing that they can do to help. Months pass and there isn't any new information about your missing loved one. You hear on the news a body in found floating in the river. You wonder *if it is you loved one. that is found in the river.*

Understanding that we all have the freedoms and liberties in this country to come and go as we please, however when some ones patterns of behaviors are out of the ordinary with no extenuating circumstances in their personalities to justify the behavior, it warrants immediate action from our first responders meaning the police.

There are 150,000 Missing Persons and 60,000 unidentified dead in our country. These numbers may seem insignificant compared to the total population of our wonderful country, but would be significant if one of the missing persons were someone you loved.

As president of Survivors of Homicide, Inc., many of our members loved one's have not been found. Some family members have been missing for over 5, 20, or as far back as 30 years ago. The misery they suffer is long and never ending.

In closing, Bill 6563 may create more work within our judicial system but that is so incidental in comparison to dismiss an opportunity to possibly ~~at~~ save some ones life.