

House Bill 6113
AN ACT CONCERNING THE INVESTIGATION OF MISSING PERSON
REPORTS

Testimony of Bill Smolinski Sr.

My name is Bill Smolinski, father of missing Billy Smolinski. I only have a little to say but I want to express upon you how important it is to vote bill No. 6113 into law.

Since August 24, 2004 the life we once knew as a family is no longer. My wife Jan is on the phone and computer daily. It has become a full time job trying to find our son and help the many others who have lost loved ones. This is all due to the lack of proper investigation when an adult is reported missing.

I witness first hand, calls that my wife makes and the repetition of calls that should have been returned and were not. This has become a daily routine but Jan does not stop there her drive is relentless.

Some remarks made are very cruel "you care about your son but no one else does" or "it is five o'clock and I don't get paid after 5" all comments were made from persons of authority. The latest being a few days ago a threat was made to arrest my wife for interfering in an investigation. How can any officer arrest a mother who is looking to find her son?

Sensitivity training, lack of concern when tips are reported are all to common when a person is reported missing in the many days that follow. Courteously to the families is very important. When a new development in a case is to be told to the family they need to hear it from law enforcement not the media, this is another problem we encountered when state police said we will either call you or you will hear it from the media.

I do not want to rehash what Jan has already mention but I do want to say that our problems are very similar to what a missing adult family very often experiences.

This bill will not help my family but if passed into law will help many future families. After all no one is exempt. In conclusion our efforts to find our son will prevail until he is brought home and justice is done. Please consider bill number 6113 Thank you very much.