

Having a missing loved one, no matter the age is an unthinkable pain for minutes, hours and heaven forbid days. It remains an unbelievable pain that never goes away.

Twenty years is an unbelievable amount of time to not have answers. There is most often little activity being conducted in the search and the family needs to know. What happened and what has been done so far?

I respect the language as listed in the proposed amendment allowing law enforcement the option of releasing the data to the next of kin's legal representative if not directly to the next of kin. The bottom line is the family needs to know all that is in the file. It may bring answers. It may bring calm, it may bring further angst, however living with so many questions and not having the opportunity to see the file is incredibly difficult and causes further pain.

I fully support the amendment as presented.

With hope and support to all who have a missing loved one,

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