## **Committee on Energy and Commerce**

U.S. House of Representatives
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

1.	Your Name:	Melissa Smith			
2.	Your Title:	e: Mother of Kelsey Smith, Kelsey Smith Foundation founder and treasurer			
3.	The Entity(ies) You are Representing:				
4.	Are you testif government e	ying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local ntity?	Yes	No X	
5.	Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2013. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.				
6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.					
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## Bio for Missey Smith

Missey Smith is the mother of five and "Grammy" to six. Missey's daughter, Kelsey disappeared from a department store parking lot in Overland Park, Kansas, on June 2, 2007. Surveillance video shows Kelsey purchasing a gift, and then leaving the store before she disappeared in broad daylight. The effort to find Kelsey grew so large the volunteers were referred to as "Kelsey's Army." On June 6,2007 her body was found in a wooded area near Longview Lake in southern Jackson County, about eighteen to twenty miles from where she was abducted. The person accused was arrested the same day. Kelsey's killer pled guilty to all four charges of kidnapping, rape, sodomy and capital murder on July 23, 2008.

Beyond local Kansas City news coverage, Kelsey's disappearance and murder received prominent national media attention, due in large part to her parents, Greg and Missey Smith. Greg had eighteen years of law enforcement experience. On July 7, 2007, they established the Kelsey Smith Foundation to honor their daughter by empowering families, friends, and communities to proactively protect one of its most precious resources, namely its youth and young adults.

Missey has led the effort in establishing The Kelsey Smith Act which was first passed in Kansas and signed by Governor Kathleen Sebelius on April 17, 2009. To date twenty-two states have passed similar legislation, with Indiana being the latest when signed by Governor Mike Pence on March 21, 2016. Missey and Greg's efforts have included submitting testimony both written and in person.