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The Honorable Representative/s
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Subject: Request for Criminal Justice Reform in Washington, D.C.

Dear Representative,

I'm writing to urge your support for legislative reform following the tragic murder of my son, Marty William McMillan Jr., in Washington, D.C.

Despite my immediate report, police delayed the investigation, citing outdated missing persons protocols. I had to search his phone and tablet myself to identify the last person he was with. His body was found nine months later, and it took nearly eight years for the case to reach trial. The sentencing did not reflect the severity of the crime.

I respectfully request your support for the following reforms:

- Immediate investigation for missing adults when foul play is suspected.
- Stricter sentencing guidelines for homicide and manslaughter involving concealment or premeditation.
- Time limits for homicide trials to prevent excessive delays.
- Victim family input in plea deals.
- Adult sentencing for violent offenders aged 18 and older.

Families like mine deserve justice, accountability, and timely action.

I am not just asking for change? I am pleading for it. My son's life was stolen, and the system that should have protected him failed at every turn. I carried the weight of his disappearance alone, searched for answers when no one else would, and waited nearly a decade for justice that came too late and felt too light. I speak not only for Marty, but for every family who has been silenced by delay, dismissed by policy, and devastated by leniency. Please help ensure that no other parent has to bury their child and then fight for years to prove their life mattered.

Thank you for your time, your compassion, and your commitment to change.

Sincerely,
Aisha Young

Proposal for Criminal Justice Reform in Washington, D.C.

Submitted by: Aisha Young

Subject: Legislative Action Following the Murder of Marty William McMillan Jr.

Background

My son, Marty William McMillan Jr., was murdered in Washington, D.C. His case was mishandled from the beginning—police delayed the investigation, and it took nearly eight years to bring the case to trial. The sentencing did not reflect the gravity of the crime. This experience exposed serious flaws in D.C.'s criminal justice system that demand legislative reform.

Proposed Law Changes

1. Mandatory Immediate Action in Missing Persons Cases

Current Issue: MPD policy delays investigations unless the missing person is under 15, over 65, or deemed "critical."

Proposed Change:

- **Amend the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Act** to require:
 - Immediate investigation within 24 hours for any missing adult when foul play is suspected.
 - Mandatory review of digital records (phones, tablets) within 48 hours of a missing persons report.
 - Creation of a centralized Missing Persons Rapid Response Unit.

2. Sentencing Reform for Homicide and Manslaughter

Current Issue: Voluntary manslaughter sentences can be as low as 10–16 years, even in cases involving concealment or premeditation.

Proposed Change:

- **Introduce the Marty McMillan Sentencing Reform Act**, which would:
 - Increase the minimum sentence for voluntary manslaughter involving concealment of a body to **25 years**.
 - Prohibit plea deals that reduce charges below second-degree murder when evidence of premeditation exists.
 - Require victim family input before any plea deal is accepted.

3. Trial Timeliness Standards

Current Issue: Marty's case took nearly 8 years to reach trial.

Proposed Change:

- **Establish the Justice Timeliness Act**, which would:
 - Require homicide cases to be brought to trial within **24 months** of indictment.
 - Mandate quarterly judicial reviews for cases pending longer than 18 months.
 - Penalize prosecutorial delays without cause.
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4. Youth Offender Sentencing Reform

Current Issue: Youth offenders aged 18–24 can be sentenced as juveniles under current D.C. law.

Proposed Change:

- Support the **DC CRIMES Act (HR 4922)**, which:
 - Requires all offenders aged 18+ to be sentenced as adults [\[1\]](#) [\[2\]](#).
 - Eliminates judicial discretion to reduce sentences below mandatory minimums for violent crimes.
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5. Federal Oversight and Transparency

Current Issue: Lack of accountability in local law enforcement and judicial appointments.

Proposed Change:

- Support the **District of Columbia Judicial Nominations Reform Act**, allowing federal oversight of judicial appointments to reduce delays and political bias [\[1\]](#).
 - Require public reporting of missing persons investigations and outcomes.
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Call to Action

I urge Congress and the President to:

- Pass legislation that ensures justice is timely, fair, and reflective of the severity of violent crimes.
 - Protect families from the trauma of delayed investigations and lenient sentencing.
 - Reform D.C.'s missing persons protocols and homicide sentencing laws.
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Would you like help formatting this into a formal petition or letter to your representative? I can also assist with setting up a campaign on platforms like Change.org or Petition2Congress.

References

[1] [House Republicans pass 2 more bills to overhaul DC crime policies](#)

[2] [Republicans advance slate of bills overhauling D.C. crime laws](#)