

For the families and friends of those who have died by violence.

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Chairman Jerrold Nadler House Judiciary Committee 2138 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 Ranking Member Jim Jordan House Judiciary Committee 2138 Rayburn House Office Building Washington D.C. 20515

Re: Support Homicide Victims' Families Rights Act

Dear Chairman Nadler and Ranking Member Jordan:

The National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children (POMC), a nonprofit organization dedicated to solely to the aftermath and prevention of murder. POMC makes the difference through on-going emotional support, education, prevention, advocacy and awareness. POMC is very supportive of the Homicide Victims' Families Right Act under consideration before your committee.

POMC has many families of victims of un-solved homicides. We listen to the survivor talk about the story of their loved one's homicide and the questions they have because it has not been solved. Their emotions, frustration and devastation they feel, along with the helplessness that anything can be done to bring justice and closure to the murder of their loved one.

POMC has a program called Second Opinion Service that we refer families to when investigators have not been able to solve the case or don't understand why the case is not going to court. The Second Opinion Service is made up of retired law enforcement, medical examiners, prosecutors who volunteer their time to look at the family's case and they will give their opinion to the family. Most of the time these are cold cases and we will not look at an open case. The family's are relieved and comforted that someone will look at the case. This is why the "Support Homicide Victims' Families Rights Act" would be so important to a family whose loved one's case is a cold case and just the thought that law enforcement would look at it again is comforting to them.

POMC believes that the policies within the Homicide Victims' Families Rights Act should be Adopted by law enforcement agencies as best practices for unresolved murder. It is our hope that the House Judiciary Committee will promptly markup this legislation so that it can be received before the full House floor for swift passage.

For further information about our organization you can visit our website www.pomc.org , or if you have additional questions regarding our support for this legislation please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Parents Of Murdered Children