

Truth in Testimony Disclosure Form

In accordance with Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)* of the *Rules of the House of Representatives*, witnesses are asked to disclose the following information. Please complete this form electronically by filling in the provided blanks.

Committee: Judiciary 

Subcommittee: Subcommittee on Oversight of the Committee on the Judiciary 

Hearing Date: 11/16/2025

Hearing Title :

“Restoring Law and Order in High-Crime U.S. Cities”

Witness Name: Tina M. McKinney

Position/Title: Mother of Memphis Officer Joseph "Rusty" McKinney - E.O.W. 4/12/24

Witness Type: ☐ Governmental ☒ Non-governmental

Are you representing yourself or an organization? ☒ Self ☐ Organization

If you are representing an organization, please list what entity or entities you are representing:

N/A

FOR WITNESSES APPEARING IN A NON-GOVERNMENTAL CAPACITY

Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.

Are you a fiduciary—including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent—of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing? If so, please list the name of the organization(s) or entities.

I signed a fiduciary oath for my deceased son's 5 yr old granddaughter Camila McKinney.

Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the hearing's subject matter that you or the organization(s) you represent have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.

none

Please list any contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government and related to the hearing's subject that you or the organization(s) you represent have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

none

Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.

- ☒ I have attached a written statement of proposed testimony.
- ☒ I have attached my curriculum vitae or biography.

* Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5), of the U.S. House of Representatives provides:

(5)(A) Each committee shall, to the greatest extent practicable, require witnesses who appear before it to submit in advance written statements of proposed testimony and to limit their initial presentations to the committee to brief summaries thereof.

(B) In the case of a witness appearing in a non-governmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include— (i) a curriculum vitae; (ii) a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the past 36 months by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (iii) a disclosure of whether the witness is a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

(C) The disclosure referred to in subdivision (B)(ii) shall include— (i) the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (ii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government.

(D) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form 24 hours before the witness appears to the extent practicable, but not later than one day after the witness appears.

False Statements Certification

Knowingly providing material false information to this committee/subcommittee, or knowingly concealing material information from this committee/subcommittee, is a crime (18 U.S.C. § 1001). This form will be made part of the hearing record.

Tina McKinney

Witness signature

11/17/20

Date



November 19, 2025

Tina McKinney

Lives in Munford, Tennessee
Works in Memphis, Tennessee

Role: Mother and Advocate for Public Safety and Victims' Rights

Personal Background:

- Mother of Officer Joseph “Rusty” McKinney, who was killed in the line of duty on April 12, 2024, at age 26.
- Rusty was an Eagle Scout, devoted father, loving fiancé and dedicated Memphis Police Department officer.

Focus:

- Crime prevention and accountability in high-crime cities.
- Reforming juvenile justice and overall bail policies to protect communities.
- Holding District Attorneys and Juvenile Judges accountable.
- Bring the National Guard and keep all the Federal Law enforcement agencies in Memphis

Core Message:

“Accountability must apply to individuals who commit violent acts and to leaders whose decisions enable those acts. Without accountability, justice is incomplete, and safety is compromised.”

****Tina McKinney** I am a mother, and voice for victims of violent crime. My son, Officer Joseph ‘Rusty’ McKinney, was killed in the line of duty on April 12, 2024, in Memphis, Tennessee. Rusty was only 26 years old—a devoted father, loving fiancé, and an Eagle Scout who lived with purpose and integrity. His death was not just a personal tragedy, but a systemic failure caused by repeat offenders and lenient policies. I am now dedicating my efforts to help restoring law and order, strengthening accountability in the justice system, and ensuring that no family endures the loss mine has suffered.**

November 19, 2025

Proposed Testimony Draft:

Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to speak today. My name is Tina McKinney, and I am the mother of Officer Joseph “Rusty” McKinney, who was killed in the line of duty on April 12, 2024, in Memphis, Tennessee. Rusty was only 26 years old—a devoted father, loving fiancé and a son who lived with purpose and integrity.

His death was not an isolated tragedy. It was the result of systemic failures—soft-on-crime policies, repeat offenders released despite serious charges, and leadership that prioritized leniency over accountability. These decisions cost my son his life.

I urge this Committee to take bold action:

- Enforce stricter bail and bond policies for violent offenders.
- Hold Judges, Political Leaders and District Attorneys accountable for decisions that compromise public safety.
- Bring the National Guard and keep all the Federal Law enforcement agencies in Memphis.

Rusty died a hero protecting others. It is time for our leaders and courts to protect those who remain. Memphis deserves better. America deserves better.

Thank you for listening to the voice of a grieving mother and for considering reforms that will save lives.