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**Sponsor Testimony on House Bill 301 Public Safety- Task Force on Missing Persons**

Chairman Clippinger, Vice Chairman Atterbeary, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I come to you today to ask to vote favorable for HB 301 Public Safety-Task Force on Missing Persons. As the number of baby boomers increases, so do the concerns for missing persons. This study will investigate the latest, nationwide information available for developing a world class rescue operation. Missing persons that are not located within six hours are less likely to be returned safely.

The taskforce will review other states Missing Person's Coordinator's program and assure that our Missing Person's Coordinator has the most current information available. Review Training and practice exercise that include the latest scientific techniques. Design a detailed Missing Persons Manual that will be used by all state agencies.

Many other states have task forces that focus on locating missing people including Florida, California, and Illinois. For example in Illinois the Child Safety Coordinator of the Illinois Department of State Police also acts as the Endangered Missing Person Coordinator. The Child Safety Coordinator is responsible for determining how high risk each missing person's case is, and finding this person within the Illinois state standards. If more states had a system like this then more missing people would be found before it is too late. I hope that we as a legislature can find in our hearts to help our least vulnerable citizens. That is why will again urge you all to vote favorably for HB 301. Thanks for your support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susie Proctor".

Delegate Susie Proctor  
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