

Dear Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee,

I am a resident of District 12B. I urge you to pass **HB0969: The Katherine Morris Death Reclassification Act** with full acceptance of its amendments. This bill was created in response to the mishandling of the case of the tragic death of Katherine Morris.

The passing of HB0969 will open the door for the involvement of a future law enforcement administration or agency who will provide more of a vigilant approach to solve a case. This will be as opposed to having the police department re-investigate which would not be handled in the same manner. Also, with the requirement of the involvement from the assistant state's attorney, there will be reassurance that the cases are handled properly and orderly.

HB0969 will ensure that there is transparency and accountability when making a decision on the manner of death and changes to it. This bill will grant peace of mind to persons of interest to get clarification of details about the death of their loved ones. Otherwise, many people will be left with ambiguity similar to what Katherine Morris' mother Rev. Marguerite Morris experienced. If this bill is passed, families will not have to face the same battle that Ms. Morris had to face because there will be a law to protect them and their loved one's rights.

I urge you to pass HB0969 with full acceptance of its amendments. This will honor the story of Katherine Morris and her mother's journey for justice, give hope to families who have experienced the same kind of injustice, and prevent events like this from happening ever again.

Thank you.

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