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TO: The Honorable Luke Clippinger  
Chair, Judiciary Committee

FROM: Nancy Frigo, Assistant Attorney General  
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RE: HB 301 – Criminal Procedure – Forensic Genetic Genealogical DNA  
Analysis and Search – Affidavit for Judicial Authorization – **SUPPORT**

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The Office of the Attorney General urges a favorable report on House Bill 301 Forensic Genetic Genealogical DNA Analysis and Search – Affidavit for Judicial Authorization. This legislation provides necessary clarity in the FGGS application process.

Forensic Genetic Genealogical DNA Analysis and Search, referred to as FGGS, is often law enforcement's last and best hope for solving some of our State's most heinous crimes. FGGS has successfully solved decades-old homicides and was instrumental in identifying the murderer of Rachel Morin.

This bill provides clarity in the application process and confidence that a successful investigation and prosecution would not later be jeopardized by a challenge to the ambiguity of the phrase "reasonable investigative leads."

For these reasons, the Office of the Attorney General urges a favorable report on House Bill 301.

cc: Committee Members