

February 3, 2026

Dear Senator Alanzo T. Williams,

I, Gina M. Pryor, am writing to advocate for my granddaughter, the late Zoey Rose Marie Harrison. May her soul rest in peace. When I learned of my 3-year-old granddaughter's death, I was overwhelmed with confusion, devastation, and hurt. I was supposed to take Zoey and her first cousin, Arley, to a birthday party celebration that Saturday, but I never had the chance to do so.

This tragedy has profoundly affected my family, leaving us mentally, physically, and financially disoriented. We are shattered and struggling to understand why this incident occurred and took my granddaughter from us. By the grace of God, my daughter, Tanishia O. Harrison, survived.

This unthinkable tragedy should never have happened to my family or any other family. Zoey never had the opportunity to live a full life, and my daughter had to lay her 3-year-old daughter to rest. Additionally, two similar police chase accidents occurred in the same month before my granddaughter's death on March 7, 2025. This pattern has emerged and needs to stop immediately.

I am urging you to recognize the importance, power, purpose, and urgency of passing Zoey's Law.

The Importance of Zoey's Law

Zoey's Law is a powerful reminder that every child's life is precious and deserves protection. This law was created to prevent tragedies, ensure accountability, and spare other families from the pain my family has endured over the past ten months. Our experiences have inspired this important legislation.

1. Protecting Children

Zoey's Law prioritizes the safety of children. It ensures that when there are concerns about a child's well-being, those concerns are taken seriously, investigated promptly, and addressed with urgency. By strengthening safety protocols, reporting systems, and care standards depending on the version of the law, Zoey's Law aims to prevent harm to any other child.

2. Honoring Zoey's Legacy

This law serves as a living memorial, transforming a heartbreaking loss into meaningful change. Through the Zoey Law, Zoey's name symbolizes (life), protection, hope, and advocacy for all children. It ensures that her life continues to make a significant impact.

3. Accountability and Oversight

Systems sometimes fail, and Zoey Law helps close the gaps. It promotes:

- stronger oversight of caregivers or institutions,
- mandatory reporting,
- clearer communication between agencies, and
- consequences when protocols are ignored.

This ensures that adults and institutions responsible for children's safety are held accountable.

4. Empowering Families

Zoey's Law gives families the tools and supports they need to speak up when something is wrong. It strengthens the rights of parents, guardians, and loved ones to demand proper care and attention.

5. Preventing Future Tragedies

Most importantly, Zoey's Law exists to save lives. By improving safety standards and increasing awareness, it works to ensure that no other child becomes a victim, and no other family endures the same pain my family has endured.