Dear Shannon,

On behalf of the Arlington County Police Department, I seek your assistance in requesting that Governor McAuliffe veto SB1102. The requirement to provide access to closed, unattended death investigation files would have a chilling effect on the thoroughness of investigative documentation. Witnesses would be reluctant to be candid to investigators. Enactment would result is a slippery slope, potentially leading to the elimination of the confidentiality of investigative files, severely damaging the privacy rights of victims and witnesses.

We will be providing a more formal objection to SB1102 but I wanted to let your office know of our position as soon as possible.

Sincere thanks for your attention to this matter and please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information and/or clarification.

v/r,

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