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Ms. Dion:

I am writing to ask that Secretary Moran urge the Governor to veto SB 1102 which is the bill that that would require law enforcement to release unattended death investigation files to the family of a suicide victim. While, I don't object to reviewing this information with family members during a personal meeting, I believe on principle that police investigative files should remain exempt from a specific authorization of release or from FOIA in general. These files can contain sensitive information that some family members may have provided in a confidential setting that is unknown to other relatives. Such a disclosure would violate the trust that those family members provided to law enforcement. Furthermore, such a disclosure would likely cause conflicts among those relatives at a very emotional time and leading to permanent hostile feelings among them. Finally, the provisions for the release of the file do not specifically limit the number of files that may be requested beyond the decedent's spouse.

While, I realize that this may be a personal judgement call on my part and an argument can be made for it not being my concern, after doing police work for over 40 years, I can tell you that many of these cases are very graphic and the details horrifying. Many times, I have saved family members from having to live with this information while still satisfying their questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

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