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Ms. Dion: Concerning SB1102; I have discussed the proposed impact of this pending legislation with my staff, specifically the investigative function, such legislation will only compound our abilities to bring such circumstances to closure. We average three suicides each month in Roanoke, over the course of a year that is potentially 36 circumstances that could potentially never be put to rest once investigative details are released as proposed to family members. 90% of the families impacted will allege their particular person of interest met some more sinister demise; by someone or something other than their own hand. If this passes I will have no capacity to address the demands it will create. In a 248 officers agency we already struggle with the demand for court related documents, body camera footage, FOIA documents of all types etc. This proposal will only deepen an already huge coverage gap with no parameters to control the incoming questions/suspicion. We do provided a review of the circumstances when requested by family members but we do not release the actual investigation. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in.

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