

Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Thursday, April 6, 2017

Testimony in support of SB 86

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Betty Wilson. I am here on behalf of Harold and Alberta Leach.

Alberta and Harold waited for 10 years for a baby. Even though he was born premature, Randy grew to be a strong, handsome young man. Randy was their life, he was their future. That future never came to be.

For nearly 29 years, they have searched for him. They have spent their lives searching. They have stood next to each other with love and dedication to each other while searching.

They did not become bitter. They only have love for each other, their many, many friends, and their memories of Randy.

It is our duty, mine, and each of you, to do whatever can be done to help them.

We as parents, know that we would expect the same and nothing less.

If there is a chance that by opening these records, it can lead to a clue as to where they can search for, and find their only child, then that needs to be done.

We cannot deny them this chance of hope.

If this Open Records Act is the answer to many prayers of many people, then Harold and Alberta can possibly lay their child to rest.

Thank you for the opportunity to address your committee today.