

February 1, 2021

Committee on fed and State Affairs

RE: HB 2088, an act concerning Children and minors

Chairman Barker and committee,

I would like to speak to you today on behalf of Adrian Jones and other abused and neglected children.

Young Adrian was a, seven year old, little loving boy who was abused, starved, beaten, tortured and ultimately died while being held captive by his father and stepmother. He is the little boy who is known as “ The Boy Who WAS Fed To The Pigs”.

In 2013 Adrian was examined for abuse by the Missouri children’s Division; there were definite signs of abuse but their plan was to provide in home services to the family. At one point the family even tried to give Adrian to the authorities but they would not take him.

Shortly the family stopped communicating with Missouri authorities and moved to Kansas.

The abuse continued in Kansas City, Kansas and was investigated by KDCF. Adrian’s grandmother contacted DCF twice prior the murder when she witnessed the severe abuse of little Adrian.

There were other adults living in the household who witnessed the abuse but did nothing to report it to authorities. An uncle, the father brother, was living in the home but did nothing because of his comfortable living situation.

HB2088 makes reporting mandatory by persons in the home who live there for a certain period of time unless they themselves are being abused or do not recognize the abuse.

I’ll stand for questions;

Respectfully,

Rep. Louis Ruiz