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Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice Chairman, Madam Ranking Minority Member and Committee Members:

Good morning. My name is Tom Holland and I am the State Senator for the Kansas Senate 3rd District serving portions of Douglas and Leavenworth counties. I am here today to ask for your support of Senate Bill 200.

I was contacted by Harold and Alberta Leach this past December asking for assistance in resolving the disappearance of their son, Randy, who has been missing since April 16th, 1988, nearly 29 years ago. With the permission of Harold and Alberta, I have introduced SB 200, which would make available to the public certain criminal investigation records in regards to missing persons investigations. The bill has been very narrowly drafted to only allow for public disclosure criminal investigative records collected 15 or more years ago as they relate to missing person investigations where the person has been missing for more than 25 years.

This bill not only seeks to provide Mr. and Mrs. Leach with information regarding the circumstances surrounding their son's disappearance but also provide some closure for parents doggedly seeking answers to such a tragic event. I ask for your mindful and heartfelt consideration and support of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Tom Holland

State Senator – 3rd District