

Prepared Testimony of Missey Smith
Mother of Kelsey Smith
In Opposition to House Bill 2030
January 26, 2021



In Memory of Kelsey

House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee
Chair, Representative Jennings
Hearing: January 26, 2021

Position – OPPOSE HB 2030

Chairman Jennings and Corrections and Juvenile Justice members,

I write you today in opposition to PART of House Bill 2030. At the end of line 9 and the beginning of line 10 it is written as follows: “may grant release to any person” – ANY PERSON. This includes the murderer that took the life of my beautiful daughter.

Kelsey was only 18 years old when she was kidnapped in broad daylight, taken across the state line to a wooded area and was tortured, brutally raped, sodomized and murdered. Evidence showed that Kelsey fought for her life as her hands were severely bruised. She had been strangled, brought back to consciousness, and strangled again until the life was choked out of her. The ligature marks on her neck actually cut into her flesh. The skin was torn so badly the funeral director put a turtleneck on her. Her killer went back out to her body and bleached it to try and remove evidence that he had committed this crime. He then covered her in sticks to try and conceal her body. She lay in the woods for four days naked having been found covered in insects and ticks with the belt still around her neck. These are just some of the facts of her case.

I suggest if you must pass this legislation that you to amend it to exempt off grid criminals. They should never get out of prison. NEVER! The monster that tortured my daughter is one such person. He plead guilty to capital murder along with rape, sodomy, and kidnaping, in order to save his life. He needs to stay where he is.

While contemplating how you will vote I would ask you to look at the picture of Kelsey and tell me if a person as evil as the one that murdered her should ever be released. Read about those death row in Kansas, should they ever be let out? Read about their victims that seem to be lost in these proceedings – what could their life have been? You have the ability to give these victims some piece of justice. Please act accordingly.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Missey Smith', with a large, loopy flourish at the end.

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