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Your file Votre référence

Judy Peterson

Our file Notre référence

Dear Judy:

I want to congratulate you on getting your website up and running and on the great work you are doing in raising public awareness for Bill C441 - the federal Private Member's Bill also referred to as "Lindsey's Law", in honour of your daughter.

Having been involved in the lead up to the DNA Banking Legislation in the early and mid-1990's and as a police officer involved, for many years, in the investigation of violent crimes, I can certainly attest to the tremendous advancements that DNA analysis has brought to the solving of crimes and charges being laid against those responsible. Bill C441 calls for a missing persons' DNA database to be linked with existing DNA national databases. Such a resource would be a very valuable investigative tool for police, adding both effectiveness and efficiency to the work we do. While I do appreciate the privacy concerns being brought forward by those who would oppose such legislation, I know too that in cases such as yours, where a young daughter has gone missing, no one understands those concerns better than the loved ones left behind.

I have appreciated your ongoing professionalism and energy during the many years of ongoing contact with you and I wish you the best in this important campaign that is very much in the public interest.

Yours sincerely,

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