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My name is Debbie Borato and my sister Missy Langer was murdered on May 31st, 2019 at the Virginia Beach Municipal Building.

Why did the gunman go into the building and kill 12 people that day? How did he get in? How can we make sure something like this doesn't happen again?

I don't have the answers because the Virginia Beach Police Department refuses to release its investigation. The law allows police to decide whether or not to give me the truth about what happened to my sister.

I support the draft bill because it would REQUIRE police to turn over investigative information. That is the only way for victims to get the facts about what happened to our families.

There is one part that should be changed—the definition of “ongoing investigation.” The draft would make victims wait three years to get reports. There is no reason for that arbitrary amount of time, and the definition should be what the Innocence Project recommended.

My sister is NOT a “statistic” or “victim” today! Today when you vote, please remember they were human beings, good hard-working human beings.

Today is very important to the employees, friends and families. We all want justice and will not stop until we get it. We deserve justice. There is something terribly wrong with what happened to our families and is continuing to happen to us because of the secrecy around the police investigation. You can make things right today

I strongly hope you all support t

. There should be NO discretion by an agency in a murder/mass shootings. In fact Virginia is one of ONLY 4 states left that still allow discrepancy.

This is an overdue bill and needs to be brought up to date.