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Thank you to the members of the subcommittee for examining this important issue. It means a lot to families of the Virginia Beach mass shooting

Both of us lost family members in this tragedy. On May 31st, 2019 Kate Nixon and Missy Langer went to work at the Virginia Beach Municipal building and never came home. An employee brought a gun into their office and started shooting. Kate and Missy were among 12 people who were killed that day.

Over a year later we don't have closure. The Virginia Beach Police Department investigated the shooting but has refused to release its full findings. Under Virginia's law it is perfectly legal for them to withhold this information.

The Virginia Beach police told us they're not releasing the information because it would be too traumatic for us. Who are they to make that call? What could be more traumatic to us than what we've already been through?

There are so many unanswered questions that still haunt us. Why did this tragedy happen? If no guns were allowed inside the employees' area why was there no security? What motivated the gunman? How can we prevent another tragedy like this from happening?

Withholding the investigative information just raises suspicion that there is something the police do not want coming out. Right now, we're in a national reckoning on police accountability and racial justice. How can the public hold police accountable when they can hide their work?

Law enforcement opposed this bill during the special session and claimed it was to protect victims. We are the victims, and we're telling you that we want public access to investigative records. The outcomes of police investigations should be made public for the truth to come out and for victims to feel confidence in the process.

The family members have been treated terribly by the police. Kate's journal and personal belongings still haven't been returned. No city police will talk to us. We are not criminals and we expect communication and updates from police. We will continue to fight for the release of ALL information that is being withheld.

We hope this committee can reach an agreement on legislation that gives victims' families the information they deserve to find peace.