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Dear Senators,

My son, Joshua Guimond, has been missing since November 2002. Josh seemingly vanished from the campus of St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. He left behind his vehicle, his wallet, his glasses, all personal belongings. A well-connected individual with many friends, Josh was not one to leave without explanation. He had a bright future, he was loved by those who knew him. Josh was excelling in furthering his education, he was a stand-out junior when he suddenly became a missing person. Despite countless hours of investigating his disappearance, and tens of thousands of dollars invested into resources, there are still no answers - what happened to Josh? Over 21 years later, nothing significant to help aid our search.

I have worked tirelessly to keep hope alive in finding information to lead us toward Josh, even when it seems to lose the attention of law enforcement and the public. We have hired investigators, attorneys, cooperated with the investigation, enlisted the help of our community and family members, and supported many types of searches for more information. The time came long ago for law enforcement to be allowed to work cooperatively with a more focused investigation.

Current Minnesota statute prevents families of missing persons from engaging additional investigative resources until 30 years after their loved one has gone missing. To have any chance of helping move these types of cases forward, Minnesota families need the support of the law. They need to be enabled when focused investigative action is necessary to gain answers. Without access to investigative file information in a reasonable timeframe, we cannot find our missing family members and victims.

I ask you to put yourself in my shoes. My only child is missing. Without your support, I may never have the chance to help find Josh.

Thank you.

*/s/ Brian Guimond*

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