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To Whom It May Concern

My name is Lupe Lopez-Haynes, I am writing to you in behalf of my family and, our sister Beatrice Lopez-Cubelos, who has been missing since September 25, 1989 from here in Albuquerque. We know the importance of what happens, when men, women, and children go missing, and how crucial it can be for all the families, especially their mothers, fathers, and their children. We are doing this not only for our sister, but all missing person's families.

There is no State or Federal law requiring medical examiners to put information into databases. Hopefully some day there will be a law which will force other medical examiners offices to use them. It will connect more families with missing loved ones and solve many more mysteries. Our family and I want to propose a bill: We would like for it to be named Bea's Law.

Here is what we want in Bea's Law. Bear in mind these proposals are not in order.

They say the first 24 hours, when a person goes missing are the golden hours. It is a matter of life and death. We want missing persons reported immediately. This is very crucial.

When a person is reported missing, eliminate any waiting period in beginning the search.

Require medical examiners to place information on missing persons into databases that could be used nationwide. Eventually we want these databases connected with other countries as well.

Encourage family members to be involved in the search process whether it is on foot or in front of the internet. To keep them pro active, it would help them mentally and emotionally. At least, to them it would mean they are trying and doing something to participate.

Improved training for police officers in investigating missing persons.

Mandatory dental records, fingerprints, blood, and, cheek swabs DNA for all men, women, and children, possibly at birth.

Mandatory dental records, fingerprints, blood, and cheek swabs DNA on all incarcerated men and, women.

It would be helpful for OMI to have enough Forensic DNA agents doing their own blood samples, bone samples, and fingerprints rather than sending them to North Texas, and Clarksburg West Virginia, and other places that I am not familiar with.

On behalf of our family, we wish to set up a meeting to discuss these ideas in more detail. We may also have additional proposals to present at that time. Please respond on when you are available. I can be reached at 505-907-1730 if you have any questions or need more information.

Thank you on behalf of our family,

Lupe Lopez-Haynes