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# H. R. 4883

To provide justice for crime victims' families, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2006

Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To provide justice for crime victims' families, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Justice for Crime Vic-

5       tims' Families Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. STUDY OF MEASURES NEEDED TO INCREASE SUC-**  
7       **CESS OF HOMICIDE INVESTIGATIONS.**

8       Not later than six months after the date of the enact-

9       ment of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit to

10      the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Rep-

11      resentatives and the Committee on the Judiciary of the

1 Senate a report outlining what measures are needed to  
2 increase the success of Federal, State, and local homicide  
3 investigations. The report shall include an examination  
4 of—

5 (1) the benefits of increasing training and re-  
6 sources for investigators, with respect to investiga-  
7 tive techniques, best practices, and forensic services;

8 (2) the existence of any uniformity among State  
9 and local jurisdictions in the measurement of homi-  
10 cide rates and clearance of homicide cases;

11 (3) the coordination in the sharing of informa-  
12 tion among Federal, State, and local law enforce-  
13 ment and coroners and medical examiners; and

14 (4) the sources of funding that are in existence  
15 on the date of the enactment of this Act for State  
16 and local criminal investigators of homicide.

17 **SEC. 3. IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED FOR SOLVING HOMICIDES**  
18 **INVOLVING MISSING PERSONS AND UNIDEN-**  
19 **TIFIED HUMAN REMAINS.**

20 Not later than six months after the date of the enact-  
21 ment of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit to  
22 the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Rep-  
23 resentatives and the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
24 Senate a report to evaluate measures to improve the abil-  
25 ity of Federal, State, and local criminal investigators of

1 homicide to solve homicides involving missing persons and  
2 unidentified human remains. The report shall include an  
3 examination of—

4           (1) measures to expand national criminal  
5 records databases with accurate information relating  
6 to missing persons and unidentified human remains;

7           (2) the collection of DNA samples from poten-  
8 tial “high-risk” missing persons;

9           (3) the benefits of increasing access to national  
10 criminal records databases for medical examiners  
11 and coroners;

12           (4) any improvement in the performance of  
13 postmortem examinations, autopsies, and reporting  
14 procedures of unidentified persons or remains;

15           (5) any coordination between the National Cen-  
16 ter for Missing Children and the National Center for  
17 Missing Adults;

18           (6) website postings (or other uses of the Inter-  
19 net) of information of identifiable information such  
20 as physical features and characteristics, clothing,  
21 and photographs of missing persons and unidentified  
22 human remains; and

23           (7) any improvement with respect to—

1           (A) the collection of DNA information for  
2           missing persons and unidentified human re-  
3           mains; and

4           (B) entering such information into the  
5           Combined DNA Index System of the Federal  
6           Bureau of Investigation and national criminal  
7           records databases.

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