

SENATE OF VIRGINIA

SCOTT A. SUROVELL
36TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT
PART OF FAIRFAX, PRINCE WILLIAM,
AND STAFFORD COUNTIES
POST OFFICE BOX 289
MOUNT VERNON, VIRGINIA 22121
(571) 249-4484



March 27, 2019

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:
GENERAL LAWS AND TECHNOLOGY
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
REHABILITATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Ms. Jill C. Tyson
c/o U.S. Department of Justice
935 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20535

RE: Bijan Gaisar

Ms. Tyson:

I read your correspondence dated March 15, 2019 to U.S. Senator Charles Grassley.

I have been requesting an update from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) since I wrote to Director Wray on November 29, 2017. I have received nothing other than a letter stating you will get back to me.

The Bijan Ghaisar case is not like other cases. In most FBI police shooting investigations local law enforcement has conducted an investigation and released some details about the incident. In this situation, the family have not been given even the most basic information because no local investigation was done or reported to the public before FBI involvement occurred.

While the investigation may not be complete, surely the FBI could release some basic information that does not involve the interpretation of forensics so the family and the community could have answers to questions that are often answered within days of a shooting?

There is no reason to continue to withhold the 911 tapes, the names of the involved officers, or why the U.S. Park Police officers felt it was necessary to pursue the victim of a collision?

I once again implore the Bureau to reconsider its position in light of the unusual circumstances of this case. This shooting happened two blocks from my home. Dozens of my constituents have told me the shooting and the 18 months of silence has significantly undermined their faith in the United States Park Police.

Release of additional basic information is in the public interest and it is the humane thing to do.

Sincerely Yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Surovell".

Senator Scott A. Surovell
36th District

cc: Mr. and Mrs. James and Kelly Ghaisar
U.S. Senator Mark R. Warner
U.S. Senator Tim Kaine
Rep. Donald Beyer
Hon. Raymond F. Morrogh