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August 31, 2020

Dear Mr. Bullis,

My name is [INSERT HERE]. I am a resident of [INSERT HERE] and I am writing today to demand justice for Kaysera Stops Pretty Places.

On August 24, 2019, Kaysera Stops Pretty Places went missing in a suburban neighborhood of Hardin, Montana, less than a half mile off of the Crow Reservation. On the morning of August 29, her body was found in the same neighborhood where she was last seen alive. Law enforcement did not inform the family that Kaysera's body had been found until almost two weeks later, on September 11.

On August 31, members of Kaysera's family went to the Bullis Mortuary to identify the body that had been found. Kaysera's remains were at your mortuary, not at the Big Horn County Coroner's Office, because you had taken it upon yourself to take her remains into the possession of your funeral home without authorization and before authorities could identify the remains and notify the family. Your mortuary did not permit the family to look at the remains nor were they allowed to inspect any personal effects to help identify Kaysera. An employee of the Bullis Mortuary lied to Kaysera's family and told them the body at the mortuary was someone else. As a result, the family continued to search and hope that Kaysera was still alive for 13 more days before they were finally informed of the identity of Kaysera's body.

When it was convenient for your mortuary to come clean about the identity of the remains in your possession, Kaysera's family was given an ultimatum. You told the family that you would not bring Kaysera's remains to them if they did not choose cremation, a practice against their cultural beliefs. Nobody in Kaysera's family gave the Bullis Mortuary authorization to cremate her remains, yet you did it anyway, violating the family's culture, faith, and right to choose how their daughter, niece, and granddaughter would be finally honored.

Additionally, Kaysera's family wished to use a different funeral home for Kaysera's service. However, your seamless and constant shift between your role as Big Horn County Coroner and owner of Bullis Mortuary left the family no choice as you used Kaysera as a pawn for your own financial gain. Your complete disregard for finding the truth about what happened to Kaysera led to the destruction of any evidence her remains may have possessed. The abuse of the power of your dual positions to exploit grieving families has gone on long enough and must come to an end.

Sincerely,
[INSERT YOUR NAME HERE]

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