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To: Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services - April 8. 2024 Re: Public Testimony on Health and Human Services programs and appropriations

Would you rather live in a world without guns ---or a world without mentally disabled children?

If your answer is the latter, I ask you to appropriate a significant amount in the 24'-25' year budget for a Healthy Brains for Children Initiative, focused on providing proper Proper Prenatal Care to all MI moms, with an emphasis on the elimination of alcohol, and all other brain destroying toxins, but especially alcohol, from the diets of our unborn children.

I come to the Michigan Legislature, as I have many times in the last 18 years, pleading for help for Michigan's long neg;ected foster children, still, 15 years later, under Federal Judicial Oversight. Many of these children suffer from Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD). Prenatal Alcohol Exposure has been linked to many mass school shootings.

Tomorrow, James and Jennifer Crumbley will be sentenced by the People of the State of Michigan for their role in the mass school shooting committed by their 15 year-old son Ethan. But do we really know their role?

What was the State's role? It was widely reported that several neighbors phoned Child Protective Services (CPS) when the 6-9 year old Ethan was left home alone while his parents went drinking. What is not known is how CPS responded. We do know that CPS failed to protect Ethan and help the Crumbleys. That is clear.

Put down the stones. This is a time to heal.

There is nothing meaningful to gain from further persecution of the Crumbleys. It's futile. Hopeless. Being filled with so much hate, you have all missed the perfect opportunity to understand why children kill children. James and Jennifer could have helped you understand. They still can. Will they have the courage to do so?

Prosecutor Marc Keast has called Jennifer Crumbley a liar. Keast wants to know the truth about Jennifer's drinking. Jennifer should tell him. This is not the first time Prosecutor Keast has brought up the issue of Jennifer's drinking. Keast brought it up at Ethan's Miller hearing.

Keast ---"You can't handle the truth!". The last thing Assistant Prosecutor Keast and Prosecutor Karen McDonald want is for Jennifer and James to tell us the truth.

Judge Cheryl Matthews denied James and Jennifer the opportunity to attend Ethan's Miller hearing. But, did they get a chance to watch it?

Did the Crumbleys hear Prosecutor Keast ask the State's expert witness, forensic psychiatrist, Dr. Lisa Anacker, M.D., whether it was possible their son Ethan has Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

(FAS)'? Dr. Anacker stated that Ethan does not have FAS.(And he may not. But he may have a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). It's a lawyer trick).

How does Anacker know that? How did she rule that out? Has anyone ever asked Jennifer if she drank alcohol while pregnant with Ethan?

Another expert thought it was possible. His opinion piece was published in The Detroit News, along with a follow up DN Editorial suggesting Ethan be properly evaluated for a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Why wasn't it done?

Jennifer knows if she was drinking alcohol when pregnant with Ethan. James knows. Family members and acquaintances likely know.

Will someone please tell us the truth?

It's not a crime Jennifer. You didn't know that drinking alcohol while pregnant could turn your child into a mass school shooter.
Why would you know that?

Prosecutors Keast and McDonald don't know that. Don't they want to know? Tell them Jennifer. Tell us Jennifer.

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