

Good morning, Members of Subcommittee and all guests present here.

My name is Anatoly Varfolomeev. I am an ordinary US citizen, resident of California since 1991. I am not politically correct and do not belong to any party. Nevertheless, I hope I am in the right place today to be heard.

I am the angry, grieving father of my 19-year-old Anya Varfolomeeva killed on November 13, 2021 together with her childhood friend Kolya Osokin. 1,766 days ago, from today.

On that day, intoxicated by alcohol and drugs illegal alien Oscar Ortega Anguiano was detained by CHP on the shoulder of I-405 at Seals Beach exit in Orange County, the site of his terrible latest deadly crime. The 2 innocent teenagers – Anya and our friends' son Kolya were killed. Both recently turned 19 and were the youngest siblings in the families. They have been friends for 15 years. They just started their 2nd year of college. Teenagers were driving home to parents from a tour of Nickolay's Pepperdine University.

Our tragedy is the direct result of a crazy, incomprehensibly anti-American open border policy by the previous Biden-Harris administration, supported by so called "sanctuary" states with ignorant, arrogant and self-righteous politicians like Newsom and his minions. Those are responsible for what happened to our children. If not for them Anya and Kolya would still be alive.

We are not the only victims of the politically motivated anarchy that still carries on. There are thousands of victims killed, raped and maimed by illegal aliens because of those sanctuary policies. You have seen, heard and talked to some of the victims already.

I am here to tell you Anya's story.

Anya is our late child. When she was born her sisters were 13 and 22. Anya is a "baby sister" to them.

Aged 3 she fell in love with classic ballet. Later she would spend up to 40 hours a week after her school at Bayer Ballet Academy practicing for the coming performances.

At 6 years Anya joined girl scout troops, staying true to scouts till her last day. She wanted to be a scout instructor. On Sundays after liturgies singing in church choir, she attended church school.

With her French International school, she fluently spoke 3 languages natively, and Spanish freely, adding German hoping to join US Department of State in future.

Anya never complained always smiling and joking. She was bright, smart, hardworking, creative, crafty, loved arts and drawing. She was busy with studies and her hobbies. Anya was the perfect child.

But her unlimited future was taken away in an instance by an illegal alien criminal abetted by the Biden administration and California top bureaucrats.

At 3AM on early Sunday morning of November 14, 2021 two police officers knocked on my door and our everyday life crashed forever. I was told that a vehicle with a drunk driver flying at 100 mph on I-405 in Orange County rammed the car with two passengers where they found a driver license with Anya's name. When officers asked for medical records to identify bodies, I knew something really terrible happened. That night the lights had gone out of our lives.

It took us more than 3 years in "sanctuary" California to find out that the 39-year-old felon was not only a repeat criminal with previous sentences and prison time, who never had a license to drive in the United States, and who that day was intoxicated by alcohol and drugs "with levels suggesting potential abuse or overdose, necessitating immediate medical evaluation" per lab report.

But most importantly, he was an illegal alien already deported twice in 2016 and 2018, and should not have been in the country.

During Biden-Harris regime Ortega crossed the border again to later hit Kolya's car with a force that span it out over three lanes from the highway exit lane bursting it

into flames on the impact. Both children suffered fatal injuries and burned in the car.

The coroner's office released the bodies of our children for burial in closed caskets. We were not allowed to open them.

Last week I finally had guts to look at coroner's report - "... the body of well-developed white female measuring 62 inches and weighing 113 pounds... with extensive charring and burning of the body with numerous fractures, some heat related... the scalp hair cannot be evaluated; the top of the skull is absent; eye color cannot be evaluated ...". These first gruesome sentence stopped me from reading further.

The murder shocked everyone who knew Anya from school, church, ballet academy and scouts' troop. Over 350 people of all ages attended Anya's funeral while my family has no relatives at all in the United States.

On April 28, 2022 the criminal was sentenced to 10 years in state prison and a restitution of \$40,000 for funeral and burial expenses. Never to be paid.

Unexpectedly, in January of 2025, the criminal was scheduled by "sanctuary" CDCR for early release in July, just after 3.5 years of sentenced time. We were lucky to find out about that by chance.

The state of California completely betrayed and abandoned our children. The community was shocked yet again. Individual and group letters, petitions sent to Californian politicians to stop early release went unanswered or ignored.

We had no response from Newsom, GA Rob Bonta, CDCR, San Mateo County Congress representative Kevin Mullin, from none of the 13 representatives we contacted.

The breakthrough came in late April of 2025, when FOX News aired a report by LA based reporter Bill Melugin who discovered that the scheduled for early release murderer of Anya and Kolya was a twice deported illegal alien. Within 30 minutes the DOJ, DHS, even the White House picked up the story that caused nation-wide outrage, shock and indignation calling for justice for our slain children.

The fact that the criminal was a twice deported illegal alien who was allowed into the country by the policy of open borders of Biden administration added more anger to our pain. That was crazy, incomprehensible, wild and shameful!

My family came to the United States 35 years ago legally, followed the laws and procedures, became US citizens. We embraced the opportunities given to us - we paid taxes, raised our children with a religious belief in the American society and justice system, assimilated to the culture and traditions, and, most importantly, we followed the rule of law of the United States. Anya was born as a US citizen. I want to understand why her safety was ignored, was not protected but punished by that Democrat government.

Upon early release from the prison on July 16, 2025 after only 1,340 days for the murder of two children (670 days for a life of teenager) Ortega was detained by ICE agents as promised to face Federal Charges.

On January 23, 2026 the Federal court in Santa Ana sentenced the criminal to 46 months instead of up to 10-20 years publicly promised by DOJ. Ortega will be released on 12/02/2028. We hope his ICE removal detainer stands and is kicked out of the country forever.

Am I satisfied? Do I feel vindicated? Absolutely not. Why?

My forever 19 daughter is not with me anymore. I do not feel any safer for my family and my 2 grandchildren in sanctuary California.

That shameful "sanctuary" lawlessness needs to be stopped. The attacks on ICE doing their job should be stopped, local law enforcement departments and administrations should be helping to clear the country from illegal aliens. And I want those responsible for killing my daughter, for withholding information from victim families, for opening the borders and creating chaos with those sanctuary policies, to be held accountable. And not only in California for that matter but in other states for other victims too.

At my naturalization on October 31, 2001, I pledged allegiance to the United States of America, to the Constitution of the United States, not to a phony "sanctuary"

state. As a US citizen I follow the laws of the land, the Federal Laws, as everyone else should be.

I hope my testimony helps at least some of you to make life safer for Americans by putting an end to this disgusting sanctuary madness.

Thank you.