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My name is Robin Schwab, the step-mother of Jacob F Schwab. I am writing this letter to you because my husband cannot. Our son was killed on November 4, 2014. He was a mechanic at the EMTA garage. We have never received a reason for his death. We know second hand what may have happened, but never an official report. If your son was killed at work, would you not want to know the why, how and what happened? He had worked there for 27 years and was a class A mechanic.

Because the EMTA is a public entity, OSHA cannot enter. There has been and probably still are safety issues in the garage. Public safety should be one of our rights, we go to work and expect to come home, not to a hospital or funeral home. Please search out how many companies are not covered by OSHA, you may be surprised.

Please support the Jake F Schwab bill, HB 1082, which was introduced by Rep. Pat Harkins on April 28, 2015. This would allow OSHA to inspect for safety issues and investigate all work place

accidents and deaths. This bill will not bring our son back, but will hopefully prevent another family to live without their loved one. Last week was Father's Day, and it was the first of many Father's Day that my husband's only son will not be there.

We hope that the House Labor Committee will hold hearings and ultimately that the house and senate will pass the bill in both chambers and move it to Gov. Wolf for his signature.

Sincerely,

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