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TIANNA LABOY CASE. The state of Connecticut (i.e., the state) has a legal and moral responsibility to provide for all residents' fundamental human rights. However, the state blatantly failed that duty in denying Tianna Laboy adequate medical care while giving birth to her child at York Correctional Institution.

While pregnant and an inmate at York Correctional Institution, Tianna was consistently denied adequate medical care. She was forced to deliver her child, without medical assistance in her cell, and was given sub-par post-natal care.

The state's Department of Corrections' Security Division conducted an investigation into the matter, which concluded that the York Correctional Institution staff did not follow proper procedures and failed to provide Tianna adequate care. The result: Tianna's daughter was born under terrible circumstances.

Now, two-and-a-half years after facing every new mother's nightmare scenario, Tianna has yet to receive justice from the state's Attorney General, William Tong. He's turned a blind eye to her case and dragged his feet on a resolution for far too long.





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TIMELINE - TIANNA LABOY CASE

AUGUST 14, 2017. Tianna was admitted to the York Correctional Institution. At the time, Tianna was approximately two months pregnant. Shortly after arrival, facility medical staff determined Tianna was a "high-risk" pregnancy.

FEBRUARY 7, 2018. Tianna began having abdominal cramping, 34 weeks into her pregnancy.*

FEBRUARY 10, 2018. Tianna's cramping returned, and she began experiencing vaginal discharge.*

FEBRUARY 12, 2018. Two days later, the pains occurred again. At 5:00 PM, the state's medical staff concluded that Tianna was not in labor, and she was sent back to her cell with an ice pack.

Shortly after 11:00 PM, Tianna returned to the medical unit, was dismissed again, and sent back to her cell with an ice pack. In both instances, a doctor was never notified. Tianna's abdominal pain continued during the night, and although officers notified the medical unit twice more, no further action was taken.

FEBRUARY 13, 2018. At 6:30 AM, Tianna began passing blood clots and was told by nursing staff to stay in her cell until an advanced medical provider arrived later that day. Ten minutes later, Tianna delivered her baby in her cell without medical assistance. When officers arrived, she was standing over the toilet while her cellmate held the baby.

Although Tianna repeatedly reported abdominal pain leading up to the birth, nursing staff failed to assess her preterm labor risk. Despite her high-risk pregnancy diagnosis, none of her complaints were ever taken seriously or reported to an OB-GYN or on-call physician.

JUNE 2018. The state's Department of Corrections' Security Division conducted an investigation into the matter, which concluded that the York Correctional Institution staff did not follow proper procedures and failed to provide Tianna adequate care. The result: Tianna's daughter was born under terrible circumstances.

FEBRUARY 2019. In February 2019, Tianna Laboy filed a civil suit against the state for its complete failure to provide basic medical care in clear violation of her and her child's rights. Since that time, Attorney General William Tong has turned a blind eye and done nothing to advance her case.

*On both occasions, the state's nursing staff sent Tianna away with a pitcher of water and instructions to stay hydrated. The state failed to conduct an assessment of whether the abdominal pains were caused by pre-term labor, and a doctor was never notified.

That ends now.

We demand that Attorney General Tong stop dragging his feet and right this intolerable wrong. We demand justice for Tianna.

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