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TO: ALASKA SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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RE: ALASKA SAFE CHILDREN'S ACT TESTIMONY

DATE: 6-10-15

THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME TESTIFY. THIS IS SANTA CLAUS, THAT'S MY LEGAL NAME, AND I LIVE IN NORTH POLE, ALASKA.

I'VE BEEN A CHILD ADVOCATE AND VICTIM ADVOCATE FOR A VERY LONG TIME AND AM CLERGY AND A FORMER EMERGENCY RESPONSE CHAPLAIN. I SUPPORT THE ORIGINAL ERIN'S LAW, AND MY HEART GOES OUT TO EVERYONE WHO IS SHARING THEIR OFTEN VERY PERSONAL AND HEART-WRENCHING TESTIMONY.

I ALSO SUPPORT BRIE'S LAW, ESPECIALLY REGARDING DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION, AND THE ALASKA CHILDREN'S TRUST'S PROPOSAL REGARDING CHILD AND YOUTH TRAUMA AND RESILIENCY.

A MAJORITY OF ALASKANS WANT TO HAVE IN OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM AGE APPROPRIATE SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION EDUCATION IN GRADES K THROUGH 12.

ALASKA'S PASSING THE ORIGINAL ERIN'S LAW AND BRIE'S LAW, AS THE ALASKA SAFE CHILDREN'S ACT, WILL RESULT IN A SAFER ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR CHILDREN AND WOULD REPLACE THE EXISTING SCATTERED PROGRAMS IN ALASKA DESIGNED TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL ASSAULT. THERE WOULD BE VERY LITTLE, IF ANY, ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC COST TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT CLAIM TO HAVE A SIMILAR EXISTING PROGRAM.

PASSAGE OF THE ORIGINAL ERIN'S LAW AND BRIE'S LAW, AS THE ALASKA SAFE CHILDREN'S ACT, AS OVERWHELMINGLY PASSED BY THE HOUSE SOME TIME AGO, AS HB 44, VERSION P, I BELIEVE, WILL ENSURE A UNIFORM, COMPREHENSIVE, AGE APPROPRIATE SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR ALL STUDENTS IN K THROUGH 12.

THE ALASKA SAFE CHILDREN'S ACT IS LONG OVERDUE IN ALASKA. I'LL CLOSE WITH A MANDELA QUOTE "There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children."

THANK YOU.

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