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Alaska Legislature,

My name is Rachel Curtiss. I am a senior at Steller Secondary School in Anchorage, Alaska. On Tuesday, February 20th, we saw a presentation by Butch and Cindy Moore, Bree Moore's parents. They told us about their daughter's life, jobs, relationships, and murder. There was not a student in that room who did not feel the weight of her death and the importance of the education. There was a power behind this presentation that cannot be found without the name attached to it. Earlier in the year, we did the first round of the Bree's Law education without hearing any of her story or even her name. Many of the students did not understand the value of the lesson, or the context of the story. During the presentation about Bree, every student payed rapt attention. I ask you, as a student who understands the value of this education, to vote to pass HB214 with Bree's name attached.

With Bree's name, the education becomes immediately more relatable and impactful to students. Just like the Amber Alert, Kendra's Law, and Megan's Law, the name allows us to look not only at the statistics, but at the effect of the education (or lack thereof) on a human level. I ask you to understand that there is power in Bree Moore and her story. I ask you to vote for the proper education of students so that they can avoid harmful relationships. I ask you to vote to pass HB214 as it is.

Rachel Curtiss