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Subject: I support SB 12 and SB 35

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Members:

I support these bills. I am ashamed of my home state for having such poor laws and policies in place that Justin Schneider was allowed to kidnap, strangle to unconsciousness, and ejaculate on a woman and then waltz out of the courtroom with zero jail time.

I was born in Alaska and have lived here my whole life. It is impossible for me to find words that fully convey the anger, resentment and sheer fatigue of being female in a state that has consistently been the nation's worst for tolerating violence against and disrespect for women. I spent 30 years working in Alaska's criminal justice system, including 8 years as a correctional officer and sergeant working in our state's first institutional sex offender treatment program. Rarely have I seen sex predators held even close to fully accountable for the lifelong harms they cause their victims, and in the past several years, our laws have been getting even more imbalanced in favor of criminals over victims. These bills are finally a step in the right direction. Never underestimate the ability of sexual predators, who are master manipulators, to get people to feel sorry for them. I have sat through plenty of legislative, court, and correctional hearings while sex offenders and their enablers (often family members) persuade even the strongest "get tough on crime" advocates that no, it is just too unfair to imprison sexual predators to long terms, make them register, spare their victims from parole hearings, etc.

Please make these bills your priorities. There should be no controversy or debate that these changes are needed. Please pass them quickly. Break records to get it done, just as voters in Alaska's Third Judicial District broke records unseating a judge who failed to protect our interests.

Thanks to the Governor, Senator Micciche, No More Free Passes organizers, Chair Hughes and to each committee member who acts to fix our weak laws.

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Subject: Support SB 35

My name is Mike Coons, Palmer and speaking for myself.

I have been watching with great interest and a growing disdain for our "Criminal Justice System" vs that of what it should be, a Justice System for the victims of crime and society as a whole.

Although the following isn't so much on SB 35, the requested actions will have an impact on the means of weapons used in rape and other sexual assaults. Per the Uniform Crime Report, murder, a firearm was use 60% of the time, less so with assaults and robbery, no data on use of a firearm

during rape, burglary, larceny/theft. How do we decrease these crimes?

Project Exile that was done in Richmond Virginia is a great example of success. According to Wikipedia: "During the first year of Project Exile (1998), homicides in Richmond declined 33%, for the lowest number since 1987, and armed robberies declined 30%. In 1999, homicides declined another 21%. By 2007, homicides in Richmond were down to 57

compared to 122 in the year before" I sent Senator Shower more information,

including the resulting penalties. Why can't Alaska learn from Richmond and others on how to curb violent crime? Just this example alone, felon with a gun, commits a crime, bye bye to federal prison for 5-life!

The other aspect of the report on sexual assault made my blood boil! A victim testified earlier last week and asked that you take action against these low lives instead of "advertisements of awareness"! Senator Sullivan in his address to the legislature indicated he was going to use our awareness efforts as a model for legislation. I have called his office and asked that he put forward legislation that give States the funds to build max security prisons for nothing but rapist and pedophiles so they can be sentenced to live in prison, no parole, and then funding to operate those prisons either fully by federal dollars or at least a 75%/25% split!

Rapists and pedophiles, when caught, are not being caught for the first time. Many cases end up with multiple crimes committed prior to this one arrest. Pedophiles are pure evil. Case of a pedophile a few years ago, out of prison for the third time, think he was 65 years old, in less than a week, he raped a 4 year old! I am sure rapists are the same. These are the low of the low lives. These are evil that must be put away from ever doing harm to another citizen, period. Put rape and pedophiles, not in different categories but as one crime, in the first degree, with life without parole! Send a message that rapists and pedophiles will not be tolerated and to be prepared to serve live in prison or to move out of our State!

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Hello and thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony via email in regards to both bills mentioned above.

I will be as brief as I can with my testimony and concerns.

SB12 - testimony:

In December 2012 I was strangled and suffocated (please add to this bill) amongst other atrocities. In case State vs. Harrison, 6 of the serious physical injury charges were either dismissed or acquitted. There were obvious hand prints around my throat, emergency room report stated swelling and contusions.

Fast forward to 6 years later, my other injuries were not healing. Further tests and imaging revealed the strangulation essentially forced the natural curvature out of my spine (cervical kyphosis). This was due to the force of being pushed against my throat toward the floor repetitively and for a long period.

All of the effects of strangulation that Elizabeth described is true. In my particular case, add the inability to swallow food or beverages at times, the calcification of bone spurs (what the body does to create a cushion of protection) in my spinal column and a hairline fracture not seen on first images, have further complicated my life. I currently have to sleep in a recliner with a neck support pillow.

Please know that even 6 years later, and he being a first time convicted offender, strangulation severely increases the chance for death of a victim and should be held in the same manner as attempted murder. Allowing loose laws such as the brief 1-3 years for a first, a second or even a third chance of strangling someone is incomprehensible and seems that it is more a slap on the hand to not do it again.

I hope that there would be amendments made to increase the time to 4-6 years for the first offense. It has taken me that long to medically discover the truth of what strangulation has truly done to me.

SB 35 - concern:

4 * Sec. 2. AS 11.41.432(b) is amended to read: 5 (b) Except as provided in (d) [(a)] of this section, in a prosecution under 6 AS 11.41.410 - 11.41.427 [AS 11.41.410 OR 11.41.420], it is not a defense that the 7 victim was, at the time of the alleged offense, the legal spouse of the defendant. 8 * Sec. 3. AS 11.41.432 is amended by adding a new subsection to read: 9 (d) It is a defense to a crime charged under AS 11.41.425(a)(2) - (5) or 10 11.41.427 ***that the offender is married to the person and neither party has filed with the 11 court for separation, divorce, or dissolution of the marriage.***

I would hope that the committee would not adopt separation, divorce, or dissolution of the marriage as a means of 'relief' from rape. This feels that a woman is forced to remain in the marriage if she wants to

prosecute her rapist and if she found the courage to get out of the marriage, that is the best justice she can have.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Deanna Davis