February 12, 2020

The Alaska State Legislature

State Capitol

Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Legislators,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 101, sponsored by Senator Donny Olson. This bill would help establish Ashley Johnson-Barr Day on the twelfth of March in Alaska.

This is SB 101- "An act establishing March 12 as Ashley Johnson-Barr Day". I would support this to keep the memory of this precious girl alive. To help us to not forget the tragic way she died. To honor her memory. To help us stay vigilant to protect our children from any who would harm innocent children with such a horrible violent act as she endured. Our state united in the search for Ashley and our state mourned her death. She was a beautiful child, full of life and hope.

Ashely was a ray of sunshine. She attended our church and was instrumental in bringing many of her friends along with her to Sunday School. My heart broke when I heard she was missing, and I prayed that she was ok. My husband joined the search which dragged on for so many days that we knew something terrible had happened, still we had hope that she was alive and would be found. When we were told she had been murdered we did everything we could to help her family and united together as a community to grieve. The way so many people gave of so much to help the family will never be forgotten. Her memorial service was a sweet comfort to all, yet there is still so much that can be done to make sure that we shelter and protect our innocent children from horrible acts of violence.

I would like to see this bill established that her death might not have been in vain. That this tragedy could be, in effect, a step in the right direction to help us all protect our most precious treasure, our children.

Sincerely

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