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Greetings Representative,

My name is Katie Botz. Currently, I live in Juneau in District 34, but grew up in Kodiak. At the age of 12, I was a victim of sexual abuse in my home. Statistics states that a victim normally knows his/her predator; mine was a friend of my baby brother.

I understand that my scenario isn't what's House Bill 14 is about, but let's face it: Sexual Abuse is Sexual Abuse! Sexual abuse is therefore, should be against the law by all measure!

I've been working with the Senate Judiciary Committee, as a victim of sexual abuse. It's interesting how originally, our beautiful state, the Last Pioneer, has absolutely no rights protecting the victims. All laws, bylaws, and even Alaskan Constitution doesn't take care of the victims of sexual abuse. In fact, there are cases where it's more difficult for victims than predators!! I mentioned that because no matter if it's a predator off the streets, a police officer, a state trooper, a bus driver, teacher, etc it's not helping the people of Alaska if laws refuses to protect victims of sexual abuse!!

Regarding to Alaskan school buses: I'm a school bus driver, here in Juneau. I can tell you without a shadow of a doubt that all big buses has cameras inside of them and they are running as long as the bus is turned on. The special need school buses, on other hands, don't have any cameras at all. The theory is that with two adults, there's no need for cameras inside. I'd have to disagree, considering it's always best for the public interest to have a more secured safety measures wherever you go this day in time. I would also suggest cameras in every school buses, every schools, every classrooms, every police and State Troopers vehicles, as well. Please, put victims of sexual abuse before predators!! I am aware, that good people can be falsely accused. If placed cameras at every public area that possibly can, it's a less chance an innocent person will be behind bars.

Thank you,
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