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The Honorable Alaska State Representative Harriet Drummond

State Capitol Room 108
Juneau AK, 99801

RE: HB 214, Sponsor Harriet Drummond, which names the 'Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Education' portion of The Alaska Safe Children's Act as *Bree's Law*.

Dear Representative Drummond,

The Victims for Justice Board of Directors fully supports HB 214. We believe formally renaming a portion of the Alaska Safe Children's Act, *Bree's Law*, will create much needed awareness around one of Alaska's most serious social issues, dating and domestic violence. Giving a face and a name to this portion of law will increase awareness of issues that affect teens and young women at alarming rates.

Victims for Justice (VFJ) serves victims of violent crime throughout the state. With domestic violence a prevalent issue that affects one in three Alaskan women, we are invested in programs that will educate our youth when it comes to making healthy relationship choices. Primary prevention is the key to drastically reducing intimate partner violence in Alaska.

Please pass HB 214 in its current form.

We need this life saving legislation.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director