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From: Miles Curtis <mscottcurtis@outlook.com>
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To: Sen. David Wilson
Subject: SB 134 Child conceived in Rape

Dear Senator Wilson, I have been working with the legislature on helping to create a law that allows rape victims to terminate the parental rights of the abuser if the mother chooses to raise her child. Currently Alaska provides no protection to these women. This is one of the few crimes that allow a criminal to benefit from their crime at the victims expense. SB 134 helps to clarify the existing law that has been rejected by the court, as in my daughters case. 31 states had no laws when her abuser applied for custody 5 years ago. Now only 6 states remain, but strangely Alaska is actually listed as a state that has in place a law to terminate a rapists parental rights and has received Federal funding under the RSCCA. Washington State passed a law in 2017 that has all of the necessary elements to be successful in a court room and even has self help forms and instructions to assist the victim, this is a far cry from our experience thus far in Alaska. If your staff could review this it would prove to be a great asset to victims in this situation. Please contact me if you have questions.

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