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Dear Senator MacKinnon,

I am the Executive Director of Advocates for Victims of Violence, Inc. (AVV) here in Valdez. I am writing regarding HB 214, "An act of renaming a portion of the Alaska Safe Children's Act as Bree's Law"

When Alaska Safe Children's Act passed in 2015 it requires public schools districts to provide a curriculum of healthy relationship, dating relationship for grades kindergarten through twelfth. This act passed to ensure that children and youth have information to make healthy choices in life and their relationship with others. This is a very vital step in preventing the cycle of domestic violence.

Advocates for Victims of Violence collaborates with Valdez School District by presenting to youth in the seventh through twelfth grade the curriculum specifically about dating violence. This part of the Alaska Safe Children's Act is taught at a critical age when youth start their dating relationship. It is very important for students to learn and know what the warning signs of dating violence and when it escalate to be an abusive relationship that can lead to the death of a victim.

Bree Moore's death is a perfect example of an abusive relationship, she was murdered by her abusive boyfriend in June 26, 2014. Neither Bree or her parents knew how an abusive relationship looks like until it was too late.

Having a real person connected to the act is easy for people to understand and remember; when we talk about Bree's Law it is automatic, referring dating violence.

Advocates for Victims of Violence is advocating that the section about dating violence be renamed as Bree's Laws. AVV supports the passage of HB 214.

Sincerely,

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