

**HB 170 Written Testimony**

Rec'd 5-7-25

**Stuart Relay**

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**From:** Jamie Lynn Joey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 6:44 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** Please Support HB 170 & SB 155 – Support Kathleen’s Law

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**From:** Amber Iloilo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 4:58 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs; House Judiciary  
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This law will save lives. In some cases, will also bring closure to families who go through tragedy. My families tragedy involves a cousin who was murdered in downtown Anchorage. More recent, Devin Standifer went missing after a suspicious night at his families house. He was recently found deceased. If this law were in place, Devin may have been found alive, because the people he was last with may have provided information knowing they faced criminal charges.

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Sincerely,

Amber Iloilo  
Anchorage Alaska

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**From:** Vera Pomeroy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:40 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Cc:** House Judiciary  
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Sincerely,

Vera R. Baines-Pomeroy  
Metlakatla, Ak  
Metlakatla Indian Community

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**From:** Teresa Simeon Hunter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:44 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs; House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Katheen's Law H 170

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Sincerely,

Teresa Simeon-Hunter  
Native Village of Chuathbaluk-OVC  
Chuathbaluk, AK

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**From:** Violet Sensmeier [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:11 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Cc:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HB 170 SB 155 KATHLEENS LAW

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Sincerely,

Violet Sensmeier  
Anchorage, Ak

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**From:** kimberly-ann wortman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:46 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs; House Judiciary  
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Sincerely,

Kimberly Wortman  
McGrath Alaska

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**From:** Tatyana Avugiak <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:26 PM  
**To:** House Judiciary; House State Affairs  
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Sincerely,

Tatyana Avugiak  
Anchorage, Alaska  
Southcentral Foundation

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**From:** Anna Bill <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:12 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Cc:** House Judiciary; tasha\_ews@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Support Kathleen's Law

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Sincerely,

Anna M. Bill  
Mountain Village Alaska  
Emmonak Women's Shelter women advocate. ❤️

#KathleensLaw #Alaska #MMIW #AlaskaMMIW #MMIP #AlaskaMMIP #IanCalhoun  
#ArrestIanCalhounNOW



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**From:** Crystal Howard <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:04 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs; House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Strong Support for HB 170 / SB 155 – Pass Kathleen’s Law

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Dear Members of the Alaska Legislature,

I’m writing today as a concerned Alaskan and as someone who believes in justice, truth, and accountability. I urge you to pass HB 170 and SB 155—Kathleen’s Law—to ensure that those with direct knowledge of violent crimes like murder, rape, or kidnapping can no longer hide behind silence without consequence.

This bill does not criminalize fear or survival. It targets those who make a choice to shield perpetrators by withholding critical information—individuals like Ian Calhoun, whose silence has caused deep, lasting harm and protected violence rather than truth. This is not just a legal gap; it’s a moral failing in our system that must be corrected.

Our communities deserve to feel safe. Victims and their families deserve a path to justice. Law enforcement deserves the tools to hold perpetrators accountable. Kathleen’s Law helps us get there.

Please do the right thing. Pass HB 170 and SB 155.

Sincerely,  
Crystal Howard  
Wasilla, Alaska

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**From:** Antonia Commack [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:51 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs; House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Please Support HB 170 & SB 155 – Support Kathleen’s Law

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Sincerely,

Antonia Commack  
Wasilla, Alaska  
Alaska MMIP Advocate

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**From:** Betsy <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:10 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs  
**Subject:** Please support Kathleen's Law

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Dear Members of the Alaska Legislature:

I am writing in support of Kathleen's Law, House Bill 170 and Senate Bill 155.

The proposed legislation seeks to honor the memory of Kathleen Jo Henry, an Alaska Native woman who fell victim to serial killer Brian Steven Smith.

Henry was murdered by Smith on September 4, 2019. That same day, Smith texted his friend Ian Calhoun to say he'd been "having fun" and had "something to show" Calhoun that he couldn't "keep for too long. The two met later that day in a secluded park, at which time Smith showed Henry's body to Calhoun before dumping it along the Seward Highway. When Henry's remains were subsequently found (on October 2, 2019), Calhoun forwarded a news story to alert Smith—who was out of town—to the discovery.

At no point did Calhoun ever reach out to the police. Instead, he helped a killer to conceal a crime, alerted that killer to law enforcement involvement, and NEVER faced charges.

This is outrageous. Such inaction not only impedes justice, but leaves the door open for perpetrators of violent crimes to hurt and/or kill people again.

Kathleen's law was introduced to try to prevent similar occurrences. It would impose a penalty on individuals with knowledge of violent crimes (i.e., rape, kidnapping and murder) who deliberately withhold information that hinders discovery and investigation of those crimes.

I respectfully urge you to publicly support Kathleen's Law and vote for its passage.

Sincerely,  
betsy Peratrovich  
Anchorage, Alaska