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Greetings House State of Affairs Committee ch-chairs and it's honorable members.

My name is Katherine, but many address me as Katie Botz. Originally I was raised in Kodiak, where at the age of 12 I was a victim of sexual abuse in my home. The statistic shows that a victim knows who raped them. The person who raped me was a friend of one of my brother. At the time, my home was a safe place for not only my friends but my brother's as well. We would play video games, pool table, darts, anything until I was abused. It was multiple of the attempt. The person is Alaskan Native. I was twelve he was eighteen; therefore, there was a six years difference. I tried to hide in every room, tried to sneak in every closet. He knew my family's sleeping and work schedule and worked around that. He also knew our house was open to everyone. My mother of all things caught him in the act. Not only did it break her heart, but it also devastated mine. I never wanted her to see such devastation to my family. She was the one who kicked him out of the house, called the cops, and set the procedure in place. I was twelve, what was a twelve-year-old supposed to do? After going to court and having the rape kit done, to this day I wished he had more than six years in prison. To this day, even though I wasn't strangled there weren't any tools being used, to this day I remember as it was yesterday. For five years every night, I cried myself to sleep. For five years, I didn't want to sleep for I had nightmares every night. I've never spoken to anyone of my nightmares: no family, no friends, no therapist, nobody. Possibly because of the stigma and is embarrassing coming from a victim to share. To this day, I wished he had more than six years because it took me twelve years to recover. People tried to get me to open up, have tried to get me to talk, but it's a topic for some victims too hard to open up about. It's already hard enough with the knowledge that Alaska has the highest sex crimes in America.

House Bill 20 caught my attention due to the sexual examinations kits. It's hard enough as it is to be sexually abuse, and for some victims it's more painful to have an examination kit done. I've heard that there are multiple of sexual examinations kits just being stored in shelves around the state. That's unexceptional!! In fact, it won't help urge a victim to come forward and get one done if she knows about previous kits. There should always be a barcode where they can be trace and everyone would know the location for each kit. Also, the kits have to be back at the proper court system in a timely manor to be able to prosecute a predator!

Please think of the victim first when dealing with this bill. A victim was raped, called 911, reported who raped her, got sexual examinations kit done...just to be on hold for court? Just to not allow it to be used in court? Too many times, victims of sexual abuse are the ones who suffers the most during the trial process. If you, as lawmakers, can get the sex examinations kit back to the judge in a timely manor would help the case, tremendously!

In regarding to the definition of without consent, if the predator even want to penetrate inside you without allowing it, is without consent. If there's any force even dragging or carrying you to a bedroom to penetrate inside you, is without consent. If forcefully penetrating when you don't want is still abuse and should be locked up!! Too many times 'without consent' in Alaska has to deal with a weapon, a bat, a chain, or other objects but it isn't the case!

Please, for the sake of our Alaskan victims, don't delay cases and trials. It's painful as it is, and if they have to continue to repeat what happened to them, then they won't want to continue to participate. Place predators on ankle monitors will actually do many benefits: keeping victims calm; probation/parole officers will know their whereabouts at all times; and forces predators to have more consequences, which they need in our State.

For too many years, Alaskan predators has been getting only a slap on their hands and then set free. It leaves the victims of abuse in more turmoil and hurt because the State doesn't care about them!! Please change it.

With great appreciation,  
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