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Please add this testimony to the public record.

Thank you!

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Representatives,

Thanks you for your service to our great State of Alaska!

I would like to weigh in on HB 198 as it moves through committee. As I listened to the testimony of those presenting this bill, I was struck by how many times they presented assumption of facts and based their support on how many other states have a similar bill. To use that as a basis for a bill is very weak to begin with. I was moved by the testimony of the woman in Soldotna/Sterling who was attacked, however, the laws and definitions do exist on our books, in my opinion, to allow the jury to sentence ample time to the perpetrators of such crimes. As was stated by the presenters, we can endlessly open this definition for 'hate'.

I urge to to vote NO on this bill as it moves through.

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