

To Whom it may concern :

My name is Lawrence M. Broehl and I am writing in regards to the SENATE BILL #278. There should be a voice for those who have felt there is no one listening and left to feel there is no other choice from the torment. I attended the funeral of a class brother of a classmate and friend after he had been relentlessly "pranked" by other students. He hung himself from the swingset at his gradeschool just down the street from his house. I have seen my youngest daughter come home upset to tears just telling me about people who picked on her and try to grab her bottom, and when she says no she is verbally ridiculed. I can understand sometimes ~~these~~ things happen and there are statements made in irrational conversation, but to have to put up with it on a daily basis is unbearable.

My question to you is what do we do for those who because of alienation from group or fear of reprisal ~~are~~ <sup>refuse</sup> speak. Most of those who are punished have ~~so~~ been punished for being caught returning the aggravation. It almost seems neverending because the ones in most need of help are the ones that are trying the most just to get along.

Sincerely  
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