

RE: SB 385

Short Title: Requiring registration as a sex offender for certain violations of the crime of breach of privacy.

My daughter, Bailey, is a sophomore at a school in Johnson County, KS. Since she was able to talk, she has been singing. There have been numerous studies that prove singing positively changes the brain by producing endorphins that help ease symptoms of anxiety and depression. These studies have found that the benefits of singing are multiplied and expanded when done in a group such as a choir. Not only helping with anxiety and depression, but also adding in the benefits of social interaction, a sense of belonging and interpersonal communication. Bailey, who admittedly lacked confidence & was shy, started to grow with the help of show choir. That all changed on Wednesday, October 6th at 8:53pm. At that moment, our lives changed forever.

Her choir teacher had been arrested. How do you let your child know that someone she trusted had allegedly done horrible sexually motivated things to someone? How do you let your daughter know that this person she adored was not who she thought he was. We would soon find out that SHE was a "someone"; she was a victim. This wasn't a situation where someone stumbled upon a crack or hole in the wall and took advantage of it. This was deliberate & for sexually reasons. This feels closer to surveillance considering there were multiple cameras found - hidden in multiple areas. But this wasn't a business; this involved nudity and minors. Unfortunately, Bailey wasn't the only one; this sexually perverse invasion had been happening for years. For perspective, in Bailey's all girl's choir this year, there are 40 girls. Again, recordings had been going on for years, there are other choirs.

When I told Bailey she was in a state of shock for two weeks. The local media, who doesn't care about emotional damage, jumped on the story. Rumors ran rampant on social media - normally a place to connect with friends. Suddenly Bailey's only trusted friends were her choir friends. Bailey was scared to go to school. Can you imagine going to school, with the normal teen awkwardness, and being faced with hundreds of unfiltered teens ready with rumors about sex and a teacher?

Every time there was (and still is) updates to the case or Bailey or a friend is going through a trauma event; she needs a mental health day from school. Each person grieves differently and she is grieving many things. Grieving trust, grieving the loss of a person she thought she knew, grieving the loss of sexual innocence, grieving thoughts of safety in normal safe places. There is so much more. There is currently a wait list for free services through the Metro Association to Counter Sexual Abuse. Unfortunately getting an appointment, quickly, with a therapist experienced with adolescent sexual abuse is a challenge. Before the charges were announced until now, Bailey has had a 600% increase in absences from school; from 1 day to 14 days. She was in class a couple weeks ago and they have a student teacher currently. The student teacher was recording herself only. A classmate said to Bailey - Mrs. XYZ is recording class. Bailey was triggered right away. She asked to be excused. She had to come home. Before, Bailey had a 93% A- grade in school. She ended the 1st semester with a 80.5% C. Bailey can't try on clothes in dressing rooms. We have to purchase them and return the ones Bailey doesn't want. She is turning 16 at the end of March. The big Sweet 16. Bailey doesn't care. She's apathetic. I have tried to ask Bailey about potential plans and she just says "I don't know yet".

The language of the current statute is outdated. Words like telegraph, camcorder, and party line are evidence of this. Advancement of technology has made many crimes easier to commit because the means are harder to discover and often the damage worse. This statute is a perfect example. Bailey did not consent to be recorded. Bailey expected privacy in the identified locations.

Our lives, especially Bailey's, are now breached - ripped, in a Before and After state. *Before* singing was a therapeutic outlet for Bailey. *After*, I hear Bailey singing sometimes at home, but not as often and the songs have lyrics that break my heart. I have attached lyrics to a song I heard her singing last week. Passing SB 385 would ensure that those who commit intentional acts of nonconsensual sexual invasion will be restricted in ways that will prevent future victims from life-altering trauma. It would have prevented Bailey & her Show Choir friends and alumni from years past. *if this was already in place.*

Sincerely,



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Brutal by Olivia Rodrigo

I'm so insecure, I think
That I'll die before I drink
And I'm so caught up in the news
Of who likes me, and who hates you
And I'm so tired that I might
Quit my job, start a new life
And they'd all be so disappointed
'Cause who am I, if not exploited

And I'm so sick of seventeen
Where's my f***ing teenage dream?
If someone tells me one more time
"Enjoy your youth", I'm gonna cry
And I don't stick up for myself
I'm anxious and nothing can help
And I wish I'd done this before
And I wish people liked me more

All I did was try my best
This the kinda thanks I get?
Unrelentlessly upset (uh-uh, oh)
They say these are the golden years
But I wish I could disappear
Ego crush is so severe
God, it's brutal out here

I feel like no one wants me
And I hate the way I'm perceived
I only have two real friends
And lately, I'm a nervous wreck
'Cause I love people I don't like
And I hate every song I write
And I'm not cool, and I'm not smart
And I can't even parallel park

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This the kinda thanks I get?
Unrelentlessly upset (uh-uh, oh)
They say these are the golden years
But I wish I could disappear
Ego crush is so severe
God, it's brutal out here
Got a broken ego, broken heart
And God, I don't even know where to start