

HB #2071
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Stalking Bill

Hello, my name is Addalyn Antonucci and I want to thank you for considering our bill today. I want to thank my parents, classmates, legislatures, and those who have supported my story. I know a lot of hard work has gone into creating this law to keep kids safe. Being a part of this important process and movement has given me a sense of happiness.

Last year, I was a 4th grade student who loved being my class Student Government Representative, being a competitive dancer, hanging out with my friends on the playground, and playing four square at recess. I was shocked to learn from my classmates that our teacher had been acting inappropriately. The feelings that I have had this last year are sadness, worry, fear, and confusion. I do not think these are feelings that kids should have to have, especially from an adult in a place that is supposed to be safe.

I feel like no other kids should have to go through a situation like this. When my mom said she wanted to work to change the laws to protect other kids it made me feel happy. I wanted to help her pass these laws so other kids can be kept safe and no others have to go through a situation like this.

I would really appreciate your support of this bill. If passing this bill helps even one other kid, then we have won. If it stops one other person from doing bad things to a child, it is worth it.

I am so thankful that my parents have been working hard to fight for the victims of stalking in Kansas.

I'm forever grateful for those classmates who protected me, now I want to help protect other children.

Kids need to be safe and need to feel safe always.
Thank you so much for your time and helping us to pass bill 2071.