

January 26, 2012

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: SB278

I am writing in regards to your senate bill 278, which I have read in its entirety and of which I am in full agreement.

Rhianna Morawitz was my niece. She was dearly loved by all who knew her, especially her family and many close friends. She was a beautiful little girl, very talented and a honor student. Due to her sensitive nature she seemed unable to handle the bullying of those few who envied her and was jealous of her resulting in her taking her own life prematurely. It is my understanding that Senate bill 278 is being amended to protect school students, administrators and faculty from this ever increasing problem. School students and employees need laws to protect them while on school functions the same as all citizens.

In my opinion it becomes your duty to intact such laws for their protection. Such laws should be made public and especially to parents who have school age children. Also parents and students need to be made aware of the consequences when these laws are violated, thus in hopes that our schools remain a safe haven for all students and faculty.

It is my hope that the State of Kansas might be a model for setting a high standard of morality in this regard for other States to follow.

I request that you please pass this law so that no children feel the way that our dear Rhianna did thus resorting to such drastic measures.

Harry L. Hibshman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry L. Hibshman", written in a cursive style.