

Kansas Senate Education Committee
RE: SB278

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you in regards to the recent untimely suicide death of Rhianna Lynn Morawitz. As a close family member I am well aware of the indescribable pain, injury and emptiness inflicted on Rhianna's family and the many friends whom loved her.

My beautiful niece was a very talented girl, gone forever as a result of bullying in school. It has left a void and emptiness in our hearts. Please take the necessary actions to protect all of our children so that no one has to experience what the Morawitz family is going through at this time.

This is a serious problem to the extreme which must no be allowed or overlooked as inconsequential. Children and adults need to be held accountable for their actions. I have read this bill and believe there should be legal ramifications for bullying, harassment, and cyberbullying.

I believe parents should be accountable for their children, and when those precious children are dropped of at school, the school should be held accountable for all students, these children are our future and should be able to go to school and learn, not be afraid, and as an adult be productive citizens.

I am asking you, imploring you to pass this bill without hesitation. Take the necessary steps to protect our children. Rhianna is gone and will be missed by so many people whom loved her and had the privilege to know her.

Thank you,


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