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To: Members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee

Subject: HB 321- Erin's Law

Dear members:

Thank you for taking this heroic step today in what can help stem the tide of the tragic sex abuse perpetrated in America today against one out of every four girls and one out of every five boys.

"Uncle Robert said I can't tell anybody." "Amy's cousin said he knows where I live and I'd better not tell." These are the voices that terrify the young victims, that prevent them from telling, that prevent the abuse from stopping.

These vulnerable, confused children need other voices, other words that tell them what can and can't be done to them and to their bodies; when and how to say no.

YOU are the responsible adults who must make sure those words are heard by passing HB 321 - Erin's Law - here and now. I entreat you, as a mother of five and grandmother of thirteen, to make the world safer for all children, to give them the tools to help recognize potential abuse and to prevent it.

Thank you for taking this brave stand for our children,

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