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## Comments:

Please support this critically important piece of legislation. While bullying has historically been shrugged off as a schoolyard rite of passage, recent years have proven how quickly tragic such behavior can become. The advancements and enhancements of the internet have spawned bullying into cyberspace and subsequently into the lives of too many youth who already struggle with growing pains of all types as is.

The behavior of bullying and the surrounding social system closely mirrors the dynamics and tactics of domestic violence; stop bullying now and you'll also be contributing towards bringing an end to domestic violence.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony is support of this measure.

Respectfully,

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