

Hello,

My name is Sarah Pesi and I'm a 17 year old senior at Belle Vernon Area High School. I am writing to ask for you to sign on as a supporter of a bill I am working on getting passed in Harrisburg. Please allow me to give you a little background. For three years, beginning when I was only 12 years old, I was stalked by an adult at my job.

I took all the right steps to obtain protection from his stalking, including going to the police, but regrettably I realized that there were no laws in place to protect me. To my dismay, I learned that the only legal protection available to stalking victims in Pennsylvania is a Protection From Abuse order (PFA). I pursued a PFA only to be told I did not qualify because according to the law he was not a "current or former intimate partner or relative."

When I was 14 years old I decided to take matters into my own hands. I wrote "Sarah's Bill" because I didn't want anyone else to experience the same feeling of disappointment, frustration, and fear that I felt. My bill gives Pennsylvania residents the ability to obtain a Restraining Order against anyone that they feel threatened by without the existing limitations. Currently 38 states, over three quarters of our country, have already passed similar Restraining Order laws.

You can learn more about this issue, view my bill, and read a fact sheet about this issue on my website at www.sarahsbill.org.

The single best way for you to help me get my bill passed is by signing on as a supporter. If you are willing to be included on our growing list of allies, please let me know by responding to this email.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said "The time is always right to do what is right." I would really appreciate your support on getting this bill passed before I graduate high school this June.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Pesi".

Sarah Pesi