

## **Written Testimony by Carolyn Mosley on HB6494**

I am writing you to show my support of Bill HB 6494. This Bill is to mandate teen dating violence education in your state.

I am the mother of 18 year-old Kari Ann Gorman, who was murdered by her ex-boyfriend one month after high school graduation. I have chosen to speak out about this issue because this is not an isolated incident. Teen relationship violence is so much a part of many of the young people all over the country. We need to teach them at a young age what healthy relationships and what the signs of unhealthy ones are. My daughter did not come from a home that was abusive, it was something she knew nothing about or had never seen, so she was not prepared for what was to come.

I have spoken to Senators in my own state and there is legislation in both the Assembly and the Senate titled the "Kari Ann Gorman Act." We are working to bring teen relationship violence to New York State.

Sincerely,  
Kim Davidson  
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