

Testimony of Jennifer Wenderoth  
In Support of HB 6633 An Act Concerning Stalking  
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Members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Jennifer Wenderoth. I am the Campus Advocate for the New Britain and Hartford Sexual Assault Crisis Services, a program of the YWCA New Britain. I am writing to you in total support of HB 6633 An Act Concerning Stalking.

The impact of this important legislation is not only a concern in my field of work but it is a personal one as well. I myself am currently involved with the New Haven, Connecticut court system regarding a stalker who is presently harassing and stalking me.

While I do have a protective order in place against my stalker I am still being stalked using various technology that allows my stalker to know where I am at all times and to even monitor my actions on my personal computer. My stalker is a Private Investigator and is using his business tools to make my life one of fear and terror 24/7.

While he may not be allowed to come up to me in person, come to my home or place of employment there is nothing stopping him from posting pictures or information about me on websites such as facebook or track me by my phone or GPS. I keep very organized and detailed records about the internet stalking that is being done to me and have reported it the police many times, unfortunately since the laws are not up to date on today's technology, he is technically not breaking the protective order by using the internet and other devices to follow or get to me, and he is allowed to continually stalk and harass me.

While I fear that when his day in court approaches his charges will be minimal and that once I no longer have my protective order he will no longer need the internet to stalk me and will come after me in person, and am frightened for the real harm I will then face. I should not feel like I am being tracked in my home and know that no matter what I do online or where I go my stalker will always know where I am at all times.

HB 6633 would not allow this type of stalking and harassing to continue and could guarantee situations like mine would be treated with more concern and would allow the victim to not fear for their life. It would require that stalkers be held responsible for their actions and shed light onto a crime that is happening everyday. I hope that you will join me in supporting HB 6633 An Act Concerning Stalking.

Thank you,  
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