

Senator Coleman, Representative Fox, and members of the Judiciary Committee:

I support HB6633. I am a stalking victim, who is being stalked at this very moment by an ex boyfriend who sexually assaulted me in 2008. He along with his friends, are tracking my every move and my every phone call I make on my cell phone and on my daughter's cell phone. We do not have a landline because I am currently unemployed. My life has been turned upside down since I learned what has happened to me! Every day I worry about who is watching me and if my phone is being listened in to. I have received numerous unwanted phone calls, with messages left on both of our phones, unwanted text messages, I have been followed everywhere I go! My ex boyfriend had changed my web page on my computer. He also had placed a webpage on my computer alerting me to a website that explained to me how cell phones are tapped into and included very detailed information on how it is done, and how easy it is to track someone just by using the internet.

This ex boyfriend has shown up in places where I go regularly. He does this to intimidate me. He uses social networking websites, to spread rumors, gossip and emails to friends and strangers via these social networking websites. He and his friends have left numerous objects in my driveway to threaten and intimidate me, including a toy gun, a toy grenade, a newspaper article with typed print reading "I will hurt you", and other various things. My car was vandalized soon after I reported the sexual assault to my local police department, as well as other personal property.

I have changed my email address and phone number, I have to use the library to use a computer, change my direction in which I travel every time I leave my house. I feel trapped and isolated. My children are witnesses to my circumstances and it has greatly affected them. My eldest daughter says "I have changed" and "I used to be a 'rock'" before this had happened to me. Both my daughters are worried about my safety and about me.

I have tried on several occasions to report incidents to my police department, but to no avail! They say they cannot do anything about my situation, and even have been hostile with me when I have reported these incidents. I attempted to get a restraining order to protect me and my family, but it was denied.

I trust absolutely no one, and I question everyone. Everywhere I go, I feel so very uncomfortable and unsafe. I fear for my life. I live my life trapped in a 'bubble'. There is virtually no help for victims of stalking. At times, I feel like I am being controlled and powerless. I am exhausted often, from having to keep a log of every single call, every single text message, every single incident! I am not living a normal life.

I want my freedom back, I want my life back. I pray that all stalking victims will be free of their abusers! We need to live without fear, without threats of intimidation and feelings of being "watched" constantly. Thank you.

By Jane Doe