

Honorable Senate Committee Members,

Let me thank you ahead of time for your indulgence in my last plea to you. I respect your time too much to add unnecessary burden. After the House voted 137-0, I asked myself what is the difference between the House testimony and the Senate? The House benefited by hearing the exact same story in 2016 and 2017. Both times we testified the House got to hear the riveting testimony of Andrea Prieto.

Andrea's ex-husband hid in Andrea's house waiting for her arrival for lunch. He surprised her and duct taped her to a chair and then doused the house with gasoline. When he was distracted, Andrea got off a text of 911 to work. Andrea told her ex-husband that if she wasn't able to call work, they would come looking for her. When the police arrived and forced in, he shot himself in the head killing himself. This was after breaking his Protective Order 18 times. Andrea said she has been a changed person since. She bravely broached this subject to help bring about change and a favorable vote on both the Senate and House Bill.

My daughter Amber was not an isolated case. So many women suffer this dirty little secret. Knowing the whereabouts of your abuser and the police will also be notified. All of you will be voting a life to live again freely.

Some people would maybe sue the State, County, or Judge for not implementing GPS Monitors when they had the ability. All my actions only come from a citizen seeking to help in prevention. In my amateur quick read today of Bill # HB0976, it was the first time I saw in print, that it raised a minimal cost. I also want you to see when you sit to vote, that the cost will be reduced.

The benefits for the Counties and State for utilizing GPS Bracelets to help Domestic Violence Victims:

- Less murder trials
- Less State funded funerals
- Less State funding of medical bills & hospitalization
- Less hospital emergency calls
- Save on expense of incarcerations
- Less police calls
- Less dangerous police calls
- Less complicated police calls

I thank all of you for listening to a woman that really was not involved in politics until Jaime Boswell lobbied and brought the first bill in 2016. The night before Jaime asked me to come to the hearing and just sit, I knew then it was my duty to stand up and share in this forum from the heart.

It will be 5 years this July since Amber's murder.

Respectfully yours,

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Amber Schinault's mom