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Dear Lieutenant Governor Bryant, I am writing to you as well as Senators Graham and Scott. My name is Brooke Olsen and I live in Charleston, SC. I would like to share an idea with you. It is called Marilyn's Law. Marilyn's law would be a federal law requiring all public schools and childcare facilities to include Child Protective Services/Department of Social Services (CPS/DSS) Statewide Central Registry as part of their background checks for hiring purposes and random checks of long term employees like random drug tests. This idea is a simple request for a more thorough process of employment. The Statewide Central Registry is one that is often left out as part of the mandatory SLED/Sex Offender Registry background check. Marilyn's Law would keep our children protected for those found guilty in family courts of abuse or neglect of children. My daughter, Marilyn, is a student in the Charleston County School District. I want to be sure she is in a safe environment around teachers that have gone through a thorough background check that ensures her safety as well as others. Why do I doubt the current methods? Why ask for this law? Here is why! I am a survivor of 5 years of habitual sexual abuse by a family member from ages 9-14. My abuser was found guilty within family court of sexual abuse of a minor (myself) and they (DSS) placed a permanent restraining order against him. His name was placed on DSS's Statewide Central Registry in 1993. He was a teacher in Dorchester County Public High Schools. He taught an additional 16 years after these court orders were issued. We did not criminally prosecute him as times back then were different and we were already under such duress. Therefore, his name will not be found on SLED or the National Sex Offenders Registry. His employers did not know they hired a sexual predator due to the absence of checking the Statewide Central Registry as part of his hiring process. This is why I came up with Marilyn's Law, for 25 years I wondered how my abuser was allowed to continue to teach High School, all for the lack of one extra step in the background check. Marilyn's Law would eliminate the possibility of this ever happening again. Like random drug tests, random background checks should be implemented throughout employment in schools and childcare facilities. It is only an idea until someone like you can help make it a reality. I started a petition on Change.org and as of today it has over 450 supporters. The petition outlines my request for Marilyn's Law and why it is necessary. At the bottom of the mission statement is a red link that is a local newscast about Marilyn's Law aired in May of this year, 2018. <https://www.change.org/p/governor-marilyn-s-law-for-the-safety-of-children-in-schools-and-child-care-facilities> I hope some good can come from my experience and sharing it with you in hopes that you feel moved into action on behalf of my seemingly simple request. I am asking you to create a bill and propose it to legislation. Marilyn's Law only keeps the youth of America safer, if there is a Registry, it should be checked. I believe you could make this happen. Would you please create Marilyn's Law into a reality? I believe people will listen to you and support this idea. I am asking you for your help. I would love to hear back from you to discuss Marilyn's Law and your thoughts on this topic. I thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Brooke Olsen Brooke.olsen1@yahoo.com 843-906-7358 1413 Jeffords Street Charleston, SC 29412

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