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RE: Strong Support for **HB618**

Good Afternoon Representatives and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on this topic.

Before Caller ID, repetitive anonymous "prank" phone calls in the middle of the night or threatening letters used to be the standard in horror if you were the unlucky target of a stalker - both in the movies and in real-life. These days, you don't have to be at home to be menaced in such a manner and harassment has gone far beyond the confines of the phone and mail. As we've become tech-savvy as a society so have our crimes with the internet and cell phones becoming the most convenient ways for stalkers to terrorize their targets, but more than that, those who would use such methods go to extremely creative extents to harass and toy with their victims. Although this legislation is good for everyone, it is of particular importance to survivors of domestic violence so I would urge you to support and pass this measure into law.

Respectfully,

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Domestic Violence Survivor Advocate