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February 7, 2011

Dear Chairwoman Jill Tokuda and Committee Members,

My name is Heidi Peterman, and I am a freshman at Maryknoll High School. And I am writing this petition to voice my opinion about the current bullying and cyber-bullying bill, Senate Bill 934. I believe that this cyber-bullying act is good in that it protects children and teens from abusive peers. But I think that it should not only be present in the public schools, but in the private schools as well. Although there is a low tolerance for bullying, and cyber bullying, there has not been an effective way that I was aware of that has been effective for eliminating the bully.

Most times bullying is not reported because students are afraid for their safety, or it is not their business to know. There are many witnesses in school halls that witness bullying, but feel that they are being nosy or just don't want to because they do not want to be a snitch. And I feel that it was a good idea that there is a procedure for anonymously reporting bullying. And through this new anonymous reporting, witnesses can report something without being concerned for their safety. I know that I would use it if it were implemented in private schools.

I strongly feel that this bill will save lives, and prevent future bullies from hurting other students. Thank you for your time, and thank you for reading my testimony. I hope that there will be success in passing this bill.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairwomen Jill Tokuda and committee members,

My name is Jade Yempuku and I'm a freshman at Maryknoll High School. In our religion class, Christian Morality, we are learning to do good, moral actions. We are looking into bills our legislature is going to pass to see the goodness in them, or if they seem immoral. By writing testimonies to certain bills, we are doing good for our community by trying to make the laws more just and good for the majority of people.

In reading Senator Bill 934, the cyber-bullying bill regards to public schools for the most part. Since there aren't many fights in private schools, people may result in cyber-bullying. Not to make assumptions, most private school kids have access or own personal computers. Here at Maryknoll, every high school student is required to own a laptop. While "regular bullying" most often occurs during the hours of school, cyber bullying can occur 24/7.

Another topic that interested me is that the bill will only apply to school computers. While cyber-bullying can occur during school hours, someone could feel safer posting a bad comment at home. This might not on school property, but it should still be the schools' problem. An interesting statistic from iSafe, 52% of kids have been bullied while online. 1 in 4 have had it happen more than once which shows that over half of kids have been bullied over the internet.

To sum this all up, as much as a problem cyber-bullying is in public schools, as it is in private schools. By being more aware of the causes, effects, and ways of cyber bullying we could end up saving a life.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairwoman Jill Tokuda and committee members,

I am Kristen Dau a freshman at Maryknoll HighSchool. The following bill 934 of cyber bullying, cyber bullying is being harassed anywhere on your computer, phone, or any other technology. This specific bill, consist of making schools safer by being able to see, or know when someone is being cyber bullied, and helps the adults know what is going on. It is good that it helps public schools, and partially private schools. Well, most public schools don't have computers for each child that attends the school, while private schools have more chance of being cyber bullied because there are more computer especially schools that require computers at school. If you worked to make both private, and public schools equally safe then there may be a great chance of decrease in cyber bullying. Also cyber bullying isn't always through just computers it could happen through phones, because people could text/gossip during class. If we make sure that no one is texting during class then it will also help with the decrease of cyber bullying. Thank you for listening to my testimony.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairwoman Jill Tokuda and Committee Members ,

I am Trevor Perry, a freshmen at Maryknoll High School. I am writing this petition on my opinion about the Cyber- Bullying Bill, Senate Bill 934. I believe that the Cyber- Bullying act is an effective way to get rid of Bullies.

I am in support of this Bill because everywhere kids are getting cyber-bullying and they believe that they should not have life after they are bullied. With this bill we can stop this from happening and we can help those kids stop getting bullied. If we don't have this bill kids from public and private schools will still be bullying others not only in school but also on the Internet.

Sincerely,

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