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Dear Chair McEntee and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Maya Lima and I am a constituent of District 32. I am writing to you in strong support of H8058 which would make it unnecessary to prove that a person's transmission of electronic communications be for the sole purpose of harassment before being found guilty of cyberstalking or cyberharassment.

While this bill removes one single word, that word holds great power.

The statute as it currently stands needs to be updated to reflect the role that social media has come to play in everyday life. Freedom of speech does not cover threats of harm and access to social media has made it so much easier to participate in that type of behavior.

My mother is a school committee member in North Kingstown and received almost 800 comments over the course of a year with some of the comments even tagging my siblings. Awful does not even begin to cover how disgusting some of those messages were. I am 23 years old and I can deal with reading those things but what about public officials who have younger children that have access to social media? They should not have to see the threatening messages that the adult in their life receive or worse, be subjected to being pulled into it. If a harasser wants to make these vile threats, they need to be held accountable for their actions and face the repercussions.

I urge you to pass the amended version of this bill to help protect your fellow public officials and their families from the type of harassment and threats that mine had to face.

Sincerely,
Maya Lima