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### Support of H8055

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I am respectfully requesting your consideration in approving H8055. I was the first responder on scene on March 5, 2017 when Alyssa Garcia was brutally attacked by Jacob Gallant. I remember the scene as if it was yesterday. Alyssa was on the ground bleeding profusely from the stab wounds that covered her entire body. Her eyes were open looking up at me when I asked her if she knew who did this to her. She did not know the suspect and was simply working a part time job and was stacking the shelves when attacked from behind. She was a student at Pilgrim High School, getting ready to graduate with her peers. Her whole life changed when she was randomly targeted by Gallant. I met her family at the hospital when Alyssa was transported to tell them what happened. I will never forget the look on her parents' faces. The most horrific memory I have is when I went with a detective to photograph her injuries. Her stab wounds were everywhere; I felt like not one piece of skin was without damage. I had to leave the room because I became faint. I can remember how sad I was that Alyssa had to continue to relive the horror of her assault over and over again. She still is! Her wounds may heal, however the pain and horror of what she went through will NEVER go away.

Supporting this bill will remove offenders from society for a longer duration to prevent them from committing further crimes and to protect the community. Victims and their families deserve justice and that the punishment fits the crime. The passing of H8055 would ensure that victims are treated with compassion and understanding and the community's safety is a priority.

Please ask yourselves, "if this was your child would you want H8055 passed"? I know wholeheartedly, I would.

Thank you for your consideration.

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