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My name is Lars Grimsrud. I am Kristil Krug (Grimsrud's) father. My daughter was horrifically murdered following a devastating period of stalking threats and tortuous e-mails and texts that destroyed her life and resulted in her unnecessary death.

Kristil did everything right in order to protect herself, but it was not enough. We, and law enforcement agencies, were unable to obtain timely information from the communications companies that would have saved her life and moved her out of harm's way. Lacking this cooperation and information from the communications companies, we were unable to properly respond to the threats, and we were unable to protect her from a threat that should have been identified and removed. There was no reason for her death to occur.

This is not a bi-partisan issue or an issue that has any viable argument. Kristil cannot be returned to me. But other victims of stalking and domestic violence can be given a chance at life. Kristil did not get that chance, and she is now dead. The passage of this bill can provide the information needed by law enforcement to correctly identify lethal threats in a timely manner that can save other lives. This is not a burden on the communications industry - systems are currently in place to provide this information. But the requirement to do so is not. This is a travesty that can have lethal consequences, as it did in Kristil's case.

I urge you to support and pass this important piece of legislation, and be on the forefront of this movement to protect women and victims of stalking, domestic violence, and threats. We intend to use this Oregon Legislation as a National Model to further promote this in other States and at the Federal level, so your support is critical to the implementation of these common sense, and important, guidelines.

Thank you.
Lars Grimsrud