Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am before you today heartbroken and grieving not only for our 11 week old Grandson Aaron Michael-Alan Roberts but also for the 1760 murdered children and infants last year by the hands of one who was suppose to care and protect them. It saddens me that we have Local, Regional and National Chapters of Parents of Murdered Children along with Organizations like Defend the Children Inc and many many others for us to go to and speak about the lives that have been stolen away from us. It saddens me even more deeply that this escalating Epidemic requires us to ask you now to send Senate Bill 22 to the floor to be voted on and passed into law. What have we become as a people that those most trusted among us prey on our children?

I have always held the belief that a child does not ask to be brought into this world, we as parents, grandparents, family members & caregivers are bound by a moral, cultured and principled calling to care and nurture this precious gift.., not torture, abuse and murder them. Our Children are our future, without them there would be none.

Those of us who are survivors know that no amount of sentence time given will bring our children and grandchildren back to us, our desire is to give those who would abuse their children a moment of pause, a pause long enough to possibly save a child's life; one child at a time.

While walking our neighborhoods and talking with people over the past few months about this bill, I have learned that the people of this State and others have a very common bond; we're sick of our children being abused and murdered, and the people who commit these crimes get meaningless short sentences. We have been asked by many to be the voice for these children, and with us they stand.

It seems that every time a newspaper is opened or a news channel is switched on; another innocent child has fallen victim to a parent or caregiver. It seems to me that if an adult is murdered the offender gets at least 20 to life; but when a child is murdered the offender gets little actual sentenced time, emphasis is on limited incarceration and heavy on supervision.

My child's future was stolen from him; he won't play, laugh, love, invent the next great thing or get the opportunity to live a normal life; My future with my son will never happen – Let it be known and said today that the Judge was concerned that the murdering father shouldn't lose hope and still had a future.

SB22 will begin to offer protection for those children who still have a future; one much brighter than my son's. Aaron Michael Roberts was 11 weeks old; or..,

Aninka 16 weeks old,

Christopher 13 weeks Old,

Lamour 7 weeks old,

Layunnis 28 weeks old,

Rubi 8 weeks old,

Jaiden 24 weeks old,

Christopher 12 weeks old,

Micah 36 weeks old,

Savanna & Tyler 5 weeks old,

Emiliano 24 weeks old,

Khamari 3yrs old,

Dreshawn 8 weeks old,

Darion 9 weeks old,

Linclon 12 weeks old,

Zully 6 weeks old,

I have named but a few in Wisconsin since my son's murder - none should ever be forgotten.

As a mother who has lost her son to abuse and murder there is no greater grief, there will be no closure; there should only be the knowledge that the person trusted to protect them is no longer a threat to the children who have survived.

SB22 sentencing enhancement needs to be in place so that justice can be served.

Thank you.

The citizens of this State, this Nation and Worldwide are sending messages of hope and prayers that Wisconsin take the lead and start reversing this horrible trend, they have started to speak and they want you to know that murderers who rob us of the future, should know that they face serious time for their crimes. My Husband and I hope that SB22 sends a clear message that this State will no longer tolerate such behavior that we have given our judicial system the tools to appropriately punish those who kill defenseless babies and infants.

I am writing in support of SB22, proposed by Lori & Mike Farrell, to enhance the penalty and punishment of the death of a child caused by a parent or caregiver. I believe that the person who kills a child should spend a long time in prison, especially life without parole. There is no excuse for causing the death of a helpless human being, and the aftermath of a child's death is the lifelong pain and suffering of the surviving family. I know this firsthand, as my family endured the death of my baby grandson in May, 2007, and we still struggle with the pain of his loss. My daughter, the baby's mother, has had a very difficult time in the loss of her son. Lori Farrell and I share this loss of our grandchildren and are able to help each other cope. Please consider this bill, as a message needs to be sent to those people who have killed innocent children, that this will not be tolerated and there is to be no leniency in the time incarcerated.

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Wisconsin GOVERNOR Doyle, Senators and Members of Congress,

Before you today is a very important bill, SB22. As advocate to end child abuse, we are certain that the passage of this legislation will in fact minimize the high cost which Wisconsin is currently faced with in dealing with child abuse.

Yes, additional prison time is costly but so is the loss of life. This bill is not simply a bill to further punish one ho guilty of such a heinous crime as murdering one's own in fact but a deterrent to others to prevent such atrocities.

Murdering one's child is not a random act of a parent "losing it one time." While the parent might have "lost control," it is almost a certainty that it is not the first time that parent "lost control." As with domestic violence, one abusive act leads to another and another and another. If this bill is passed and it is known, we are certain that more than one child will be spared not only an untimely death but starvation, broken bones, whipping and other abuse parents are causing children to suffer.

Parents who murder, had warning signs but chose to ignore them as an adult; as not important enough for him or her to get the help to control him or herself. That is a very self centered person, void of compassion but that person might be concerned for him or herself if he or she might not want to face life in prison or an extra 5-20 years added to a sentence. To fear he or she could be locked up till their fifties, sixties or beyond might be incentive enough to walk away or punch a wall and not an innocent child. If it fails to deter them than the additional prison time will mean being released in their later years and they will be less apt to reproduce and or have the opportunity to abuse other children. The only true way of protecting children is to end child abuse. Let the world know Wisconsin takes care of their children.

This bill is not about accidental deaths but actual murder, murder of one's own child. This bill will not punish the majority of good and loving Wisconsin parents just the ones who have murdered.

We draw upon Governor Doyle's statements when he passed SB207 and SB350
"As a District Attorney, as Attorney General, and now as Governor, I have long fought to prevent and prosecute abuse against children," Governor Doyle said. "Few crimes exact so great a physical, emotional, and psychological toll on the victim. Too often it goes unnoticed and unpunished, as young victims find themselves afraid to confront the abuser" In my State of the State Address, I said we needed to take more action to reduce child abuse in Wisconsin, and today, we're doing just that"

Released in March 2005 by the **Children's Trust Fund**, child abuse and neglect costs **Wisconsin approximately $673.3 million yearly per $1.8 million a day.** "When compiling our cost analysis, we used conservative estimates," Norma Sampson, Communications Director of the Children's Trust Fund, says. "Wisconsin spends that and 83 times as much—**to repair the damage done by abuse and neglect."**

According to their report on Child Abuse and Neglect, there were 8,148 confirmed cases of child abuse or an average of **22-23 children per day in Wisconsin**. That comes to **$78,260.87 PER CHILD PER DAY.**

This information can be found at http://wctf.state.wi.us/home/Cost%20Analysis.htm.

The other costs for which we must be concerned with is the monetary cost of incarceration. Per Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk the actual cost of housing an inmate in the Dane County jail is $60 per day, the yearly cost for Wisconsin per prisoner is just under $35,000 for $97.00 per day. .

In order to analyze, we will consider a parent who has murder his or her child is given an additional 10 years added to the sentence. Now, without taken anything off for the savings from not having to pay for the cost associated with probation, the additional costs would be $350,000.00. Now during those 10 years, that murderer will not be losing control and harming another child, that murderer will not be continuing the chain of child abuse.

For every child who is spared from being abused because of this bill, the state of Wisconsin saves $**$78,260.87 per day minus the $97.00 cost** the state incurs for incarcerating the murderer.

Passing this bill is the right thing to do. It is right for Wisconsin, It is right for the children.

Please do the right thing and pass this into law.

Sincerely,

Mary Robitaille

As a nation who counts itself among the compassionate and civilized, it is in an overwhelming majorities opinion we are not doing enough to protect our children. All child abuse is abhorrent but murder is the ultimate child abuse and no murderer of a child is more heinous than the child's own parent or caregiver. It violates not only the law of the land but of nature as well. The crime is so repugnant that many cannot even bear to hear of it happening.

It does happen,

It has happened.

We have imposed enhanced penalties for selling drugs near schools, sexual offenses against women & children and others including Hate Crimes. It is obvious that the authors of all of these enhancements felt it necessary and compelling to insist on more severe punishments for the ugly crimes man commits against its own. I also submit it would not be necessary to sit before you now and ask that you pass SB22 if our Judicial System would simply hand down appropriate sentencing to those who commit these most monstrous of crimes. I'm not

sure why we didn't cast the net far enough to protect our babies from Parents and Caregivers who would cause them harm but now we ask that you do just that.

Before you is a very serious request, to pass a law to help a child - SB22 gives Judges additional and specific tools to hand out appropriate sentences to those who have no regard for the safety and well being of our most precious of gifts. With the passage of this law, a child's life might be saved. Child Abuse Statistics state 5 children are killed by child abusers every day in the United States of America and an additional 1400+ are permanently injured. 2008 has seen 1760 infants murdered and the number is projected to go significantly higher this year. In the words of Milwaukee County ADA Mark Williams "I don't know what's going on, In 18 years, I haven't seen this many baby deaths in this short of time."

Wisconsin has the chance to show leadership in helping to stop this epidemic in our nation & tell its citizens and the USA as a whole that Wisconsin takes care of its most valuable citizens. Protecting those who cannot protect themselves, those who cannot crawl or walk is what this is all about; help

us to give all those who would harm our children a moment's pause..., A pause long enough to save a child's life. April is National Child Abuse Prevention month. It is highly fitting that Wisconsin acts on SB22 as Wisconsin's Child Abuse Prevention effort.

I will never know exactly what happened to my Grandson Aaron Michael,

his murderer never bother to tell us,

the Medical Examiners report did tells us what the effects were of the brutal beating he took at the hands of his Father.

Help show that all these poor children have a loud voice and that their deaths help bring about change in Wisconsin.

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