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Hi My name is Marlena Palmer. I support bill hb5177.

Lisa Pettit is my best friend . I have known her for a long time. Lisa is a loving and kind person and wants to help others with abuse. She has struggled with the extreme abuse that she had went through. I know that abuse can be hidden deep inside our souls. Lisa and her siblings have been through horrendous and sickening abuse. They fought secretly down deep inside their souls of what had happened to them for years. Deep scared abuse can be hid by a smile. It is suppressed because the victim can't process the abuse. They can feel embarrassed, scared and even brainwashed, believing no one would believe them. So the abuse is pushed aside until the victims soul just can't take it anymore or woken up. It can take many many years from, trying to run or block the abuse. It's survival mode. I have witnessed this. It can take many years to process all the abuse.

I'm very proud of Lisa and her brother for wanting to help others even if it can't help themselves. It can save a life or lives and a victim can finally feel safe and allow healing to begin. Abuse healing is a life time fight. So being said, I stand beside Lisa and her Brother David for fighting bill hb5177.

Thank you,

Marlena Palmer