

Good afternoon, all.

My name is Peggy Devarney ,I am Brayden Callahan”s Grandmother and this bill has my full support. No family should have to go through what my family and Simon’s family are going through. Because the State of Maine has failed our families, we will never have the pleasure of watching our boys grow up. We will never hear their laughter again. Braydon was a gentle soul whose sarcastic sense of humor will never be heard again. Now we have two families trying to pick up the pieces of our shattered lives.

I believe we need to go beyond safety arms on all buses. We need better training for bus drivers, stricter hiring polices, motion detectors or cameras on the front and back of all buses, bus monitors on all buses that would get off the bus and walk the children across the road and lastly, we need better accountability in how complaints are handled. In the case of Jeff Calhoun ( Brayden Callahan’s bus driver) there were at least 8 years of complaints that were ignored. That is unacceptable..