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To Whom it may concern,

I am one of Rhianna Morawitz's Aunts and would like to tell you a little about Rhianna. At 14 years old she was more talented than most of her peers. She was a very vibrant, beautiful girl who loved to sing and play her guitar. She had a wonderful personality and an infectious laugh that brought a smile to anyone close enough to hear it. Most people would think by looking at her that she had everything she could want. The truth of the matter though was that this wonderful child was tormented.

She was horribly bullied to the point that she took her own life in September of 2010. When we were children, bullying existed, but we knew that at the end of the school day it was over. Home was our sanctuary. This was not the case for our darling Rhianna. It followed her into text messages and online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For Rhianna, she felt that suicide was her only escape from these bullies that began plaguing her at school.

The school refused to deal with the situation claiming that bullying was not taking place though Rhianna had taken her complaints to the school numerous times. The school just thought it was easier to ignore that there was an issue. Much to the detriment of our family and all of Rhianna's friends, this ignorance in judgment cost us all a very vital part of our family. She had infant cousins that she never got to meet and they will grow up never knowing Rhianna and what a wonderful person she was to be. Her disappearance from our lives has affected us all greatly.

We ask that you please help us to pass Rhianna's Law so that the next child can have their pleas heard and dealt with in the appropriate manner so no one else has to needlessly face the great chasm the loss of Rhianna has left in our lives.

Sincerely,
Kevin and Dorienda Jones