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**LOCAL NON-PROFIT  
SUPPORTS SENATE BILL 1037**

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**Everett, MA** – Feel Safe Again, Inc. founder and president, Cheryl Darisse, testified before the Joint Committee on the Judiciary at the State House in Boston, on February 7, 2006, in support for Senate Bill 1037, An Act to Prevent Harassment and Witness Intimidation, on behalf of her sister Sandra Berfield.

Darisse's sister was a victim of stalking, before being murdered by a package bomb hand-delivered by her stalker to her Everett, Massachusetts home, on January 20, 2000.

“My sister was relentlessly stalked for over two years, by a customer she waited on at her place of employment. During that time, there was little that could be done, because she had no prior relationship. Our sister's death was a tragic loss. From this tragedy came a new law, which is known as "Sandy's Law" in Massachusetts, said Darisse.”

“Although this law has helped save other lives, it is still not enough. Our family never wants another victim to live their life in a constant state of fear, as our sister did. Stalking is a deadly and serious crime. I am here to ask that you close the dangerous loophole in the current stalking law and enable all victims the right to be protected, regardless of their prior relationship. All victims need and deserve to feel safe, said Darisse.”

“Our ultimate goal is to prevent another tragedy, said Darisse.”

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