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The Editor,
The Detroit Free Press,
600 W. Fort,
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Editor,

Subject: Mom Fights Against Cyber-Bullying

As a past public school and current Michigan State University student, a substitute teacher for middle school students, and the oldest of four, I've dealt with bullies.

Being bullied is just a part of growing up? A way to toughen us up for the real world? Wrong. The fact that bullying recently pushed five young people into committing suicide sadly demonstrates that bullying can no longer be ignored.

With today's technology, bullying is easier than ever. I admire the work Tina Meier is doing. By bringing kids' attention to the severity of cyber-bullying, she is bringing awareness that could save lives.

Want your children to live in a safe neighborhood, and attend a school where young people can thrive without the fear of being bullied? Then speak up the next time you hear someone use a homophobic slur and step in when you encounter a bully in action. Let your local school board and the State of Michigan know that bullying isn't just part of growing up - it's a serious danger to lives of children, and we need laws to protect them.

Sincerely,
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