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to this. I guess I would say, the reason that I share those concerns are personal. I...just like all of you,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: ...I had two grandfathers, and I never met them. I never knew these two gentlemen. They...one died in his fifties of alcoholism, the other one in his early sixties. Now, Senator Pedersen also knows somebody that was very close to me who died of alcoholism...well, he didn't die of alcoholism, but he was an alcoholic, and Senator Pedersen worked with him. And I used to hear stories about Senator Pedersen, before I got here. I finally met this guy; I said, this is the guy? But very...they were very good friends, I think. What we're doing...the green copy of this bill, I wouldn't have called it draconian or anything, but it was harsh. It was tough. I think this bill is still pretty tough. And make no mistake, folks, that does concern me as well, and your input is important. But...letters like this, from the attorney, are important.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Friend, it's now your time.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President. The...I guess what I wanted to say and what I wanted to try to sum up with is that I looked at this from the standpoint of trying to provide tools. You know, one thing we haven't talked about out here at all are the judges and the people that have the ability to take the tools that we give them and do what we think is right. We're not the judges. We'd like to see things happen. Senator Pedersen would like to see things happen, Senator Synowiecki, Bourne, the whole body would like to see certain types of things happen to curtail this type of behavior. But I looked at it as trying to enhance the types of tools that these judges could use. And I echo Senator Bourne's sentiments here. If there are ways to improve those tools, I'd like to do that. And I don't think it's too late. I don't know where Senator Brashear is, but I don't think it's too late. But the point is, I don't think this is a draconian bill. It's tough, it is tough, and I'm not going to sugarcoat that, and you guys have laid that out very appropriately. But I do think that there are good public policy reasons to take this road and a lot of the different