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Greetings,

My name is Andre Noel, i have been officiating youth sports for 16 years and in that time, I have seen increase in verbal and physical assaults on game officials. The intense behavior by these fans at youth sporting events are making youth sporting events very dangerous. In June , 2019, I was working games in Snow Hill, Md, during the change of innings, a parent walked up to the back of the backstop and said to me " hey blue you ain't nothing, but a nigger bitch". He was upset at a reverse call the previous half inning. After that exchange with the parent, I could see the atmosphere has getting very volatile and decide to call the game. Once, I did that and start to leave the field, the parent and his son, who was a player from the offending started to follow me to my car with his aluminum bat in tow. I had to say locked in my car and on the phone with the dispatcher until patrol officers arrived. I was really scared, the man was out of control, then his son starting waving his bat.

I urge each senator to support this bill.

Sincerely,

Andre Noel

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