

Chairman Klemin and Committee Members:

Re: Senate Bill 2282

In following this particular bill, it is evident that it needs to be amended. Please consider adding the process of adding back a window for those victims who missed the time frame of the Statue of Limitations, but should get the opportunity to have their cases heard in Court.

Required in this process should be:

- * Documented and credible evidence...
- * An increased recognition of the trauma inflicted on the victims – children, teenagers, adults...
- * Victims are left with deep and long-lasting trauma, sometimes lasting a lifetime...
- * The perpetrator often gets by with a short sentence...
- * Should the victim have to experience more 'time' than the perpetrator? This is a huge example of injustice. A [REDACTED]'s family has been paying the hospital and counseling bills for almost three decades. The offender should be the one that foots the bill. This is beyond my understanding.

A [REDACTED] went into the hospital as a result of a suicide attempt from ingesting caffeine pills and was violated by the male nurse, who was also the supervisor of staff on his assigned floor. The cost of A [REDACTED]'s so called 'care' included the time it took for the perpetrator's sexual assault. At a later date, this same male nurse, at the same Dickinson hospital, the male nurse sexually assaulted another patient, a 14 year old girl. Nurses on that floor did not document anything about the cruel act from what happened to A [REDACTED]. It's as though these hideous acts never happened. A [REDACTED] had where with all to look at the name tag the male nurse supervisor was wearing. What an ordeal this must have been, and this is only a small glimpse of what A [REDACTED] faced.

I'm sure you are aware that almost three decades later, A [REDACTED] is now able to be involved in this revision to laws and has been working hard to get the law changed both for herself and for others affected by these criminal actions. She is using her voice, quite effectively. She deserves to have as much time as it takes her to recover.

All victims need to have the time to work through this type of ordeal and NOT have it dominate their lives for over 20 years. Some people don't get it. They don't understand the wholeness of the crime against her. Let me tell you, the stripping of a person's dignity, the

sexual assault of another person is carved into the very essence of the human spirit, which was violated. Yet we are quick to want to brush over the sacredness of life and move on. A [REDACTED] has found her voice and is using it effectively. A [REDACTED] and others like her should get the time they need.

The male nurse served his time – only 3 years and is out.

Therefore, along with a more substantial penalty of prison time for the offender, a remedy for the victim must also be provided. **The VICTIMS who weren't able to meet the time frame as provided by the earlier Statue of Limitations, will be affected by the extended years if the Legislators pass those changes. Every victim should be granted a one year grace period with the implementation of this revised law.** With the support of capable State Attorneys, these victims of sexual violence would have the opportunity to have their case heard in court. A [REDACTED] deserves to be given a window in which she can look back with the revision of the new bill and receive retribution for the crime committed against her.

Respectfully submitted,

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