

Madam Chair Larson and members of the committee,

I am addressing you all in regards to the proposed HB 1145. I am not here as a professional but as an observor of a woman that has experienced trauma from sexual assault and to speak on her behalf. To know her is to know all of the victims. All of the victims need the opportunity and grace to find peace. Please, respectfully understand that the victims of sexual assault need more time and that the minimum of 21 years should be allotted for all. Evidence has shown that sexual assault victims have lifelong trauma and when they are not able to receive treatment the torment of their abuse continues on. I support this bill and the proposed amendment to change the statute of limitations on a victim under 18

from 3 years to 21 years as per the statute implemented for those victims that their cases are brought to the courts before they turn 18.

Respectfully,

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