

Saturday, March 18, 2006

The Judiciary Committee Rm. 2500
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Subject: SB618 An Act Concerning the Statute of Limitations for the Criminal Prosecution of Offenses Involving the Sexual Assault of Minors

I would ask members of the Judiciary Committee to support Bill SB 618 An Act Concerning the Statute of Limitations for the Criminal Prosecution of Offenses Involving the Sexual Assault of Minors

I believe those who have reported childhood sexual abuse should have the opportunity to bring the perpetrator to justice regardless of the time that has passed. Many are denied this opportunity due to the statute of limitation issues.

I have personally seen the pain on the child and their family who have been the victims of sexual abuse but were unable to bring charges against the perpetrator because of the statute of limitations. I think that this in itself is a crime and the laws need to be changed to allow them to pursue this.

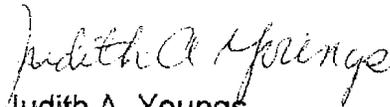
I understand that many victims of childhood sexual abuse do not report it at all and sometimes wait until they are adults before they do. The statutes of limitations should be amended so that victims can report abuses that happened to them as a child.

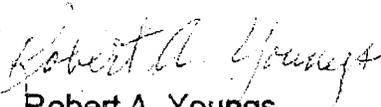
We have five grandchildren from ages 4 to 13 years old, and, pray that none of them will be sexually abused. Therefore, we must continue to seek ways to protect our young and innocent victims from sexual predators. By protecting the criminal it only empowers them to continue with the abuse of our innocent children. We need laws that will protect the victim and punish the perpetrator.

I would like to ask the members of the Judiciary Committee to support this critical bill and to see that it not only passes this hearing (3/20/06) but to see it through to become the law.

Thank you for bringing this bill up for a hearing and I will be waiting to learn of its status in the days to come.

Respectfully,


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