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

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee:

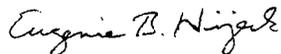
We have been residents of Connecticut and have lived in Enfield for 25 years. We are writing you to request that you support SB618: **An Act Concerning the Statute of Limitations for the Criminal Prosecution of Offences Involving the Sexual Assault of Minors.**

Children who have been the victims of sexual abuse often are afraid to come forward to accuse the adult offender. They may be confused, feel ashamed, and even repress their consciousness of the crime. Children do not have the faculties or resources to determine a proper course of action to bring the offender to justice. It may be years later, often after professional counseling and therapy, that the child – now adult – is able to make that determination. The offender may have continued to prey on other minors who are also unable to come forward. The vicious cycle continues; under the current laws, time is on the side of the offender.

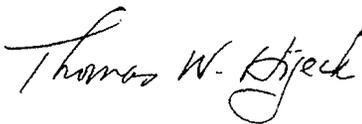
Please support the bill to amend the statute of limitations on the prosecution of offenses involving the sexual assault of minors and please support any necessary legislation and process to bring this bill into law.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,



Eugenie B. Hijeck



Thomas W. Hijeck