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Dear Respected Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My heart sank when I saw the headlines of the tens of thousands of pictures and video discovered in the renovation of the former Reardon home in West Hartford. The horrible and painful memories were back again. Eventually though, they would grow to be worse than ever before.

These bad memoires first surfaced in the early 90's when Dr. Reardon's sick behavior initially made the newspaper and evening news. One of the victim's champions at that time was an attorney advocate named Judy Lederer. Judy Lederer worked with an investigator for the state named Lynn Mitchell. I had a number of conversations on the phone with Judy Lederer in the early 90's and Judy shared expectations that Dr. Reardon would be going to prison for the heinous crimes he had committed. I still carry her phone number and some notes of those conversations in my wallet today. Judy's phone number was 566-1402 ext. 1011. When all they could do was to get Dr. Reardon to retire, Judy Lederer expressed her regret, disappointment, and frustration. It was a sad day for her and for my family.

I don't like to go back to that fear and pain that I experienced at the hands of Dr. Reardon, but a young and innocent boy was forever changed in those repeated visits to St. Francis Hospital.

It is my hope that the statue of Limitations be changed so that it is fair and just. In cases when there is such hard and compelling evidence, it is difficult for me to understand how someone who was and "is" a victim of Dr. Reardon and is up to 48 years old has legal options but because I am older, I don't have the same legal rights. If these childhood experiences had happened to you, I am sure you would realize how serious and painful they are.

Due to my career, I feel a very strong need to keep my identity private. Please let me explain. If you are a victim of a robbery, it is not likely you would become a robber yourself. If an arsonist burned down your home, it is not likely that you would burn down other people's homes. Unfortunately, that is not always the case with those of us who are victims of the horrible crime of childhood sexual abuse. Sad studies have shown and experts agree there is a chance that victims can become abusers themselves. Victims of Dr. Reardon have shared stories of serious discomfort and fear of changing their own child's dirty diaper. Damaging and hurtful lies have been fabricated by spouses in bitter divorce cases, falsely accusing a parent of molesting their own child. Damaging disclosure of the truth that their spouse had been a victim of Dr. Reardon as a child but deceitfully saying they had abused their own children is pain on top of pain. How could that possibly happen to a victim of arson or robbery or any other major crime? I understand that there is no statute of Limitation for the crime of murder. Most would agree, that is right and just. The children who were painfully sexually abused by Dr. Reardon or any other pedophile have had their innocence murdered. I am forever changed and live with that painful experience until the day I die. I live with the pain of the childhood experience compounded by the fear of being discovered or worse, falsely

accused of being a perverted abuser today or in the future. How would you like to live with that reality? As a child, you were an innocent victim and as an adult 40-50 years later you are still a victim.

I was molested and photographed by a sick and disgusting pedophile. My younger sister and I were forced to simulate sex acts and photographed in a place where we should have been safe all in the name of phony science. Dr. Reardon never submitted or presented any results of his decade of growth study analysis. That fact alone should have raised some questions at St. Francis Hospital and I am sure it did. However, nothing was done about it.

A number of other states have already changed their statues to be more fair and just. Hopefully lawmakers in Ct. will have the courage and wisdom to do the same. I happen to be one of Dr. Reardon's earlier victims but that only means that I have carried the pain that much longer.

Please do what you can to help.

Thank you