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I am Speaking on S.B. 3 An Act Combatting Sexual Assault and
Harassment

I am a victim of childhood abuse and incest. Although my parents, other family members and friends of family were told of the abuse of 2 other relatives when I was 7 it was never reported to the police. I did not disclose until I was 21 when I was finally ready to tell my truth. Instead of being arrested for abusing me (and others) my abuser was able to go on with life and eventually become a foster parent, a part of the Boys and Girls club and a police officer in the juvenile and SVU departments while I have lived the past 39 years enduring nightmares, panic attacks, low self esteem, worthlessness and many other symptoms of PTSD, all because this crime against me and when I was ready to speak up it was too late.

As an adult I along with my two other family that were also abused by my uncle as children confronted him and although he admitted to abusing us we could not have him criminally charged because of the statute of limitations. We did however report him to the states attorneys office and all three of us gave them our statements. The part that gets me is that at the end of my statement, and I was the last one to speak as I was the youngest, the two states attorneys turned to me and said if it was up to them they would leave here and arrest him right now but because of the statute of limitations they couldn't. They believed they had enough evidence to arrest him even without DNA but still no arrest could be made. I would like to see that changed and have no statute of limitations on sexual abuse and leave it up to the States Attorneys Office to make the decision if there is enough evidence to more forward with a case.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to speak today

Sincerely,
Tina Dambowsky
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