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Good morning. Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts. I'll get right to the point. Since my own rape case, I became familiar with the current statutes of limitation on sexual assault.

These statutes are bazaar, overly complicated, outdated, unfair to victims, and serve no one – certainly not modern society. The curtain has been pulled back. We know where our predator heroes, politicians, actors, priests, uncles, brothers and others have been hiding – behind victim trauma. Victims have historically been too traumatized to report their violators.

FACTS: Survivors of sexual assault suffer long-term trauma. Trauma does not go away, over time. Trauma does not adhere to any deadlines, imposed or not.

CT needs to take a giant leap forward and eliminate the statutes. Who is willing to step up and LEAD?

With all the irrelevant conditions and excuses built into the statutes, they read like they were written *by* predators *for* predators. How old are they and who wrote them? What were they thinking?

MY CASE: Ridgefield Police presented my case to the D.A. It even included a confession letter. Let me say that again. I have a confession letter from my rapist. It didn't matter. There was an excuse built into the statute applied to my case – which favored the predator.

The D.A. had degraded my rape case from a felony to a misdemeanor because the rapist did not present a physical threat with a weapon – giving me only 1 year to report it. I **reported too late**. I was punished for being late. My rapist still takes the train to work every day, appearing as a regular guy, instead of being punished for the predator and rapist that he is. He was not obligated to talk to the police and hired an attorney to do that. Never even had to answer a question. I had to rush my report, relive my horrible experience and then be told in so many words, "You reported too late, so your case doesn't matter. You don't matter. Go home and get over it."

Why did I not report sooner? In short, TRAUMA. The key takeaway here is that my trauma and all trauma does not operate on a deadline. To be a decision-maker or influencer on extending or abolishing the statutes, please ensure that you are educated on trauma. If you do not, please remove yourself from this important issue. The world is now exploding with victim and survivor stories. It's time to evolve in a huge way and make our laws simple and meaningful. And, punish the predators.

Sexual assault is rampant and it will not go away by simply telling our stories or joining a movement. As a voter, I say "Give Victims Time." All the time they need. Establish a "zero tolerance" status on sexual assault crimes by either eliminating the statutes or removing all the excuses and conditions from them. Rape is rape. It doesn't matter where, when, or by whom or to whom, it occurs. Prosecuting cases needs to be easier for survivors. Let's be progressive and lead in CT.

I vote and I am an influencer. I am watching and listening closely.

Please see page 2 if you would like to learn more about sleep rape cases. They are growing.

<https://www.revealnews.org/episodes/case-cleared-part-1/>

<https://www.revealnews.org/episodes/case-cleared-part-2/>

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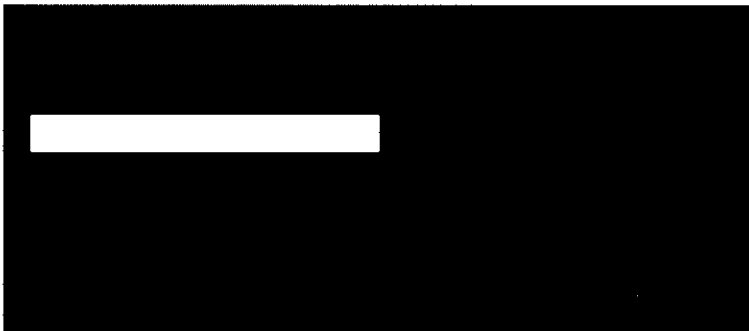
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Passengers should be aware of their surroundings and report concerns immediately, the agency says.

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