

HB7168 Harter's Law

I am in favor of the approval of Harter's Law and feel there should be no limit on when someone who has endured any type of abuse (either sexually or physically/mentally/verbally), especially as a helpless child, to come forward to seek justice for the ordeal they had to face all those years and at no fault of their own.

I didn't know Lisa at the time of this abuse; however, we have been friends for 40 years and I have witnessed her panic attacks, bulimia issues, the fear that stopped her from doing things she was told over and over again each day that she would never be able to do or become, as well as the pain she went through and what she has tried to overcome in order to grow and live a normal life as an adult.

It breaks my heart to see what had happened to her sister, Lori, because of this abuse due to feeling helpless and the only way to deal with the pain of what she went through. I'm grateful Lisa is such a strong person and has been able to go through extensive therapy and has done the things her abusive step-mother told her that she wouldn't be able to do. This is a nightmare that will never go away; however, in passing this law, it will give Lisa some relief knowing others can come forward when they are strong enough to seek justice for the abuse they had to endure as well. Please I'm begging you to pass Harter's Law.

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