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My name is David Pettit, I am Lisa (Harters) Pettit's husband. I support this bill along with many other people and here is a brief reason why I don't think there should be any statute of limitations when it comes to child abuse.

A young mind will protect itself from these thoughts and images for many many years, even decades until they start to resurface... My wife over the last few years even now, almost at age of 61 now and then has remembered various parts of the abuse that she and her brother endured and suffered through. Just like anybody like you or me, she could be at a place like a mall or grocery store or the post office and a certain smell, a sound or something or you see, anything can trigger a memory, whether it be a good memory or a bad one or a horrible one.

My wife suffers from anxiety and depression at times and gets through it the best she can when these memories and horrifying feelings break through to the surface.

She is one woman that was brave enough to present her testimony, but she stands up and speaks for many who cannot speak for themselves... yet. Because they need time to heal before this trauma can be confronted 🙏 please do everything in your power to push forward this bill.

Thank You, David Pettit