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The Honorable Robert E. Craven, Sr., Chairman
House Committee on Judiciary
State House, House Lounge
Providence, RI 02903

RE: HB 5909 – Causes of Action for Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of a Child

Dear Chairman Craven and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I write today in support of HB 5909, legislation that would allow more victims of child sexual abuse to hold their abusers accountable. We thank Representative Carol Hagan McEntee for her continued leadership and advocacy in addressing this important and difficult issue.

As someone who prosecuted child sexual abuse cases as a state prosecutor and brought many cases against child sex traffickers as United States Attorney, I have seen the terrible toll that child sexual abuse takes on victims and their families, and I have continued to prioritize these cases as your Attorney General. While the criminal justice system can provide some measure of justice and accountability to victims and their families, I appreciate the important role that access to justice in civil suits can play in making victims whole. Accordingly, I support the extension of the civil statute of limitations in such cases.

As always, we appreciate the Committee's consideration of this legislation, and are available for any further questions the Committee may have.

Sincerely,

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