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RE: SB 401 written testimony

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher and members of the committee:

I am forwarding you the following written submission at the request of a mother of a child abuse victim whose Measure 11 trial recently concluded.

Thank you.

My name is Tia and I am a mother of a child who was and is a victim of a child rapist. To go away with a minimum sentence in these cases is horrific to even think about. My child who at 4 years old and probably younger (because we aren't even sure when it exactly started) went through the worst trauma at the hands of someone she trusted to keep her safe. She has to live with everything that happened to her every day of her life, to the point that she is scared for her FUTURE children when her abuser/rapist is released from prison. It is sickening that anyone would want these monsters out earlier than the minimum or just put on probation. If you think this is right you are no better than the monster who hurt an innocent child repeatedly. If you have never had to sit and cry because your baby went through something so horrible and you weren't able to protect them and then know that the court system failed your child, you should feel lucky. Before passing a bill that would further victimize these victims, think about it!! Do not help these criminals, help their victims!!!! The victims deserve to have RIGHTS more than these horrible monsters you are talking about putting on the streets sooner than they should. Instead of no minimum, why not discuss increasing sentences for these cases?