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On Behalf Of: My daughter
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Hello there,

I am writing on behalf of myself and my family. My daughter was Molested at the age of 5 by her uncle who was 15 at the time. My 4 year old son unfortunately had to witness this tragedy. This happened more then once. This has caused great harm to my daughter and my family. Trouble in school started at a young age, running the halls because she didn't feel safe, not wanting to go and do anything unless I was with her. My daughter is now 13 and still deals with the effects of what happened to her. She has little self confidence, feels the world is an unsafe place. School is still very hard as she missed vital time in the classroom at a young age. Due to this, my son was ripped from his grandmother(who was his childcare). He has struggled with his mental health recently having to do intensive therapy due to watching this happen in to his sister and feeling immense guilt he was unable to stop it from happening. Sex offenders create life long trauma to their victims. They deserve life long consequences. How is it fair to tell my daughter that the person who did this to her will get to live a normal life, but she never will. No amount of therapy will take away what happened to her, what was ripped from her at the age of 5.

As a mother who has had to walk this road taking all of the burden I beg you, pleading on my knees to not allow someone who violates another human in this way to ever walk free. As my daughter will truly ever feel free.

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