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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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House Committee on Rules

Dear Chair Bowman, Vice Chairs Drazen and Pham, and members of the committee,

I am writing today in strong support of HB 3582. Removing the statute of limitations for civil actions based on sexual assault or child sexual abuse is an important step toward providing resources and support for survivors and additional accountability for perpetrators.

Survivors are often faced with significant barriers that delay disclosure and legal action. Safety risks, economic stability or risk of losing a job may prevent someone from coming forward. There are a number of scenarios that do not conform to a limited timeline for reporting.

Eliminating the statute of limitations facilitates justice for survivors and allows more perpetrators to be held accountable. It sends a clear message that sexual violence is a clear violation with severe consequences. Expanding avenues of reporting for survivors will help bring protect other potential victims.

Removing limitations for civil action is one method of providing support for survivors. I urge your support and 'vote' on HB 3582.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

State Representative

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Finger McDonald".

Representative Sarah Finger McDonald