

Hello my name is Timothy M Zinkand,

My testimony for why I feel that the statute of limitations in Maryland should end for sexual assault and abuse victims.

I was born in Baltimore Maryland and raised in Pasadena Maryland.

My nightmare started when I was 6 years old when I was able to join the Cub Scouts, the Boy Scouts of America, The chartered organizations that were also involved in my molestation were The Catholic Church and the United Methodist Church. It started in spring 1978 and stopped in the spring of 1986.

I was 6 years old at my third Cub Scouts meeting when they started to molest me. This continued on for several years through 14 years of age. It happened to me in many different jurisdictions and many locations throughout the state of Maryland as well as other states including Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. I was sexually assaulted and abused brutally and disturbingly by various men over a long period which purloined my childhood. I had multiple hospital visits and was taken to a psychological institution where I was hypnotized to repress what I had gone through which we have documentation for.

To eliminate the statute of limitations in the state of Maryland and for any state for sexual assault is imperative. I pray that you can see how difficult it would have been for myself and others in the same situation to come forward. As victims, whether we have hospital or police reports, were hypnotized, ignored, threatened, fearful, embarrassed, etc. Whatever the reason may be as to why we didn't come forward is different for everyone. In my case, due to the hypnosis, my memory was not triggered until the lawsuit was brought to my attention. Others may not have come forward because they were scared for their life as I would have been at the age of 14 due to threats.

I pray for my state and others to do the right thing for the sake of the victims of sexual assault. God bless you all and thank you for your time and consideration.

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