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Dear Members of the House,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today and tell my story. I am in favor of HB1.

My name is Paul Jan Zdunek, and I was abused by a troop leader in the Boy Scouts of America. I was only eight years old. And this abuse lasted for three long years, through fifth grade. Every week, I was abused and raped several times.

This abuse included forced masturbation, oral copulation, penetration, and other unimaginable acts.

To make me feel special, I was plied with alcohol - rum and coke to be exact - and shown porn magazines and porn videos.

This abuse – one of the worst cases in the Boys Scouts of America class-action lawsuit - had a devastating and long lasting effect on my life, emotionally, physically, and destroyed many personal relationships.

While the Boy Scouts of America has been found guilty and is paying a \$2 billion fine, many of us are now finding ourselves re-victimized because of the statute of limitations in the state that our abuse happened. One of those states is Maryland – where I was raped.

These children of sexual abuse shouldn't be punished again, just because of the state they grew up in. The state they were abused in was beyond their control.

In addition to my abuse by the Boy Scouts, I was sexually abused by an adult male in the Catholic church choir between the ages of twelve and sixteen; and psychologically and sexually abused by a Catholic school teacher from 6th through 9th grade.

All in Maryland – where I cannot do anything about it, even though my literal nightmares continue still to this day.

On behalf of these victims, I am here to shed light on this statute of limitations technicality that might be re-abusing your own son or daughter, mother or father, or even your own spouse.

There is no cap on my suffering – there should be no cap on the damages.

All of us grown up children are depending on you to help us.

Thank you,



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