

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB134/HB263:
CIVIL ACTIONS – CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – DEFINITION AND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

****SUPPORT****

TO: Hon. William Smith Jr., Chair, and members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Elaine Spector

DATE: January 27, 2021

I am writing this letter in support of the passage of SB134/HB263, The Hidden Predator Act of 2021. I am a partner at the law firm Harrity and Harrity, LLP, and a parent of three children who attend McDonogh School.

Recently, McDonogh disclosed abuse that happened years ago by at least one of its faculty members. Even though McDonogh School may be impacted by the legislation, I believe the benefits of this statute far outweigh the drawbacks. In particular, abuse victims who do not get the care that they need carry a lifetime of stressors that can negatively impact their long-term health and well-being. These victims are our colleagues, friends, and family. ***For these reasons, I urge a favorable committee report and passage of Senate Bill 134 without amendment.***

Sincerely,



Elaine Spector