## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 134:**

## CIVIL ACTIONS – CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – DEFINITION AND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS \*\*SUPPORT\*\*

TO: Hon. Chairman William C. Smith, Hon. Vice Chair Jeff Waldstreicher, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Michael Fitz-Patrick

**DATE: 01/28/2021** 

I am writing today in support of SB 134 - The Hidden Predators Act. As a parent of 4 children from ages 21-11 I can't imagine any more important legislation than protecting our most vulnerable from sexual predators. As a concerned parent, whose children attend, St James Academy Monkton, Boys Latin and Notre Dame Prep I feel it is in the schools' best interest to have this legislation passed to protect our kids. Again, any institution that services the needs our children should want this legislation passed.

While this legislation has opponents (not sure why someone would not want to protect children and prosecute Child sex offenders) I believe the overwhelming amount of folks across constituencies would be in favor of this legislation. For these reasons, I urge a favorable committee report and passage of Senate Bill 134 without amendment.

Thanks for your consideration,

Mike Fitz-Patrick