

Testimony Against HB1378

Honorable Delegates

Please enter an unfavorable report against HB1378.

I am against prohibiting certain actions under the Child Victims Act against the State or a unit of State government from being filed on or after January 1, 2026.

The State wanted to make sure the Catholic Church had to pay alleged abuse claims older than the statute of limitations. Because of that action, the State is now potentially liable for possibly over \$1 Billion in sex abuse claims that were older than the statute of limitations. It seems that many juveniles while housed in state prisons were allegedly abused by guards and others in positions of trust or authority.

Now the state, that was so intent on punishing the church, now finds itself walking in their shoes and wants to re-establish the statute of limitations.

Even though as a taxpayer, I know I will eventually pay my pro rata share of these claims, I believe the state should keep the period for filing claims open until all those who believe they were abused by state employees gets a chance to file a claim.

One should reap what one sows, so please enter an unfavorable report against HB1378

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