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**RE: Vermont Senate Bill 99: An Act Relating to Repealing the Statue of Limitations for Civil Actions Based on Childhood Physical Abuse**

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Members,

Thank you to the Senate Committee on Judiciary for the opportunity for our abuse survivor clients to provide witness testimony on these important matters. Each of these survivors have firsthand experience suffering from the trauma of childhood physical abuse. We are incredibly proud of their bravery to come forward with their experiences in order to show support for the passing of Senators Bill 99.

Enclosed are the written testimonies of three of the survivors of physical abuse at Kurn Hattin Homes for Children: William "Bill" Gorsky (formerly Davidson), Raymond Upton and Carolyn Bashaw (Blake). Their goal in testifying is to aid Vermont in its continuing efforts to serve as a nationwide leader in protecting children. As horrific as their trauma is, we hope their stories will urge Legislators to provide Vermont children with an opportunity to attain justice and accountability for the wrongdoings of the past, as well as protect it from happening in the future.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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