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I support this bill because ALL LIFE IS PRECIOUS and needs to be safe and cared for



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Why Silence...

January 2025 Think of six people you know well... a neighbor, a good friend, a teacher, a co-worker, a relative. Did you know that statistically, one of them was sexually abused as a child and never told a soul? I know about that silence... I'm a survivor of childhood sexual abuse. It happened over the course of a summer when I was twelve years old and my parents were a thousand miles away at a cancer center. When they returned home, I didn't recognize my father – the chemotherapy and radiation treatments he endured had a devastating effect. I didn't have the courage or heart to tell them what happened to me while in the care of a trusted adult they had picked to watch over me – so I stayed silent. One in four girls and one in six boys are sexually abused before their 18th birthday and only about 30% of those abused children actually tell an adult or a parent about the abuse. It's estimated that 39 million Americans are survivors of childhood sexual abuse. I'm telling my story because I want to make a positive difference in the lives of future victims in Missouri. HB 219 gives us a chance to empower "vulnerable persons" to have a credible voice for speaking out and standing up to perpetrators of childhood sexual abuse. Reports show that most victims come forward in their mid to late 40's - long after the Statute of Limitations has run out on the crime in this state. It's almost as if the crime has a shelf life and once it expires, the criminal is innocent and the victim is guilty of taking too much time to deal with the crime. Every victim agrees there is no statute of limitations on his or her memory of those events – even if it was 50 years after it happened. Years of silence take a toll on survivors but they stay silent because "coping" is preferable to "confronting". Over 80 percent of survivors are or have been addicted to alcohol or drugs as additional coping mechanisms and many suffer from post-traumatic stress syndrome their entire lives. Silence is no bargain. Here are just "some" of the reasons Adult Survivors stay silent for years... "Shame" is on everyone's top "five" list and casts a large shadow across all the other reasons for silence. It's a powerful inhibitor. The "stigma" of shame that our society attaches to this crime works on the minds of sexual abuse victims and makes it difficult to talk about as a child or an adult. "Guilt" is another common reason for silence. Many children ("Vulnerable persons") blame themselves for the abuse and turn it inward leading to lifelong feelings of low self-esteem, depression, lack of self-worth and self-destructive behavior. Most victims feel guilty for letting it happen and then guilty for admitting it. Later in life many survivors feel another wave of guilt for possibly causing additional victims by waiting so long to speak. "Family", for some, is the only reason they need to stay silent. For most children, home is a safe place that needs to stay safe. In other cases, the pedophile is an adult member of the family who will deny accusations and probably accuse the victim of lying - destroying family relationships. In still other cases, the adults in the family will ignore the confessions of a child altogether rather than have difficult conversations with the potential perpetrator. In my case, I continued my silence beyond my father's two-year fight with cancer to avoid adding to the struggles of my mother who worked

multiple jobs to support the family after my father's death. He was only 38 when he died leaving 4 children and a wife. "Society" is a powerful consideration in every survivor's decision to step forward or stay silent. We are bound to be viewed "differently" and we have no idea what the repercussions will be. How will we be viewed at work by our employer, co-workers, or employees, how will our neighbors treat us, what will members of our church say about us, will our friends act differently around us?? Some will be supportive, some will feel awkward, some will not believe our story, and some may even take the side of the accused. With so many unknowns, it's easy to rationalize silence – particularly later in life when the pressures of "adulthood" focus our attention on jobs, bills, and protecting our own children. "Religion" presents another complicated obstacle in breaking our silence. Many of us were taught the importance of forgiveness and grace, to turn the other cheek and let God be the judge of men. In stepping forward with such a powerful accusation, we are taking those matters into our own hands and seeking both justice and judgment... often against an agent of the church. My perpetrator was my youth pastor and I faced that dilemma of harming the reputation and the ministry of the church or staying silent. Why Speak Out Given these and many other reasons for silence, why do victims come forward at all? Most adult survivors that come forward, describe a "triggering event"... something that gives them strength, courage, conviction to step forward. For many, it is the hope that their story can help pave the way for future victims of this crime by raising awareness or changing laws. For me, SJR 64 is a triggering opportunity... a chance to make a difference with my past. I buried my own childhood sexual abuse in an internal "parking lot" pledging to myself that one day in a "less busy" season of life I would deal with it. Finally, when my corporate career was winding down, when the kids were out of college, and I no longer cared about the "stigma" of the crime.... It was too late. "Time" had become the ally of the criminal. The statute of limitations made my case moot and the criminal will never face a jury and a judge on this earth for his crimes. We can change that for future victims by giving them the opportunity to bring justice and healing to their situation by encouraging them to come forward on their own timetable – whether it's immediately after the abuse and they are categorized as a "vulnerable person" or if it takes them several years after the abuse to step forward. Time or age doesn't make it any less of a crime for the victim, it shouldn't make it less of a crime for the criminal.Help empower "vulnerable persons" of childhood sexual abuse and move the Statute of Limitations in the direction of helping the victim for this awful crime. Vote in favor of HB 219.Greg HattenMissouri Survivor and former Senior Executive of Hallmark CardsSaint Joseph resident



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Jake Silverman, a registered lobbyist for Gateway Alliance Against Human Trafficking (GAAHT). GAAHT supports this legislation for several reasons, especially the implementation of the statewide council on human trafficking and the creation of the "Anti-Trafficking Fund." We believe these measures will be extremely important in combatting human trafficking.



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Advocacy Testimony for Missouri House Bill 219 Presented by Jordan Campbell, Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation (CATE) Introduction Good morning, Chairperson and esteemed members of the Children and Families Committee. My name is Jordan Campbell, and I stand before you today as an advocate for Missouri’s most vulnerable—our children and exploited individuals who cannot advocate for themselves. I am honored to represent the Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation (CATE), a Healing Action Network Program. With seven years of experience in social services, I have seen firsthand the devastating realities of human trafficking—how predators exploit legal gaps, how victims are often overlooked by our systems, and how the trauma of exploitation lingers long after the crime. I am here today to provide information on the importance of House Bill 219, sponsored by Representative Ed Lewis, and how it strengthens protections for vulnerable individuals in Missouri. (Missouri House of Representatives, 2024). Which is a necessary step toward closing those gaps, protecting victims, and holding traffickers accountable. I am here today to testify for information purposes only. Understanding House Bill 219 House Bill 219 aims to enhance the safety and well-being of children and vulnerable individuals in our state by updating definitions, strengthening penalties, and expanding victim support services. These updates are critical in ensuring that Missouri’s laws reflect the evolving tactics of traffickers and adequately protect those most at risk. The Urgent Need for House Bill 219 Missouri is at a crossroads. The fight against human trafficking is not just about stronger penalties—it is about modernizing our laws to match the evolving tactics of traffickers, prioritizing victim recovery, and ensuring that Missouri is not a safe harbor for predators. The numbers speak for themselves: According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline • 679 trafficking-related signals were received in 2023. • 106 of the identified victims were minors, accounting for nearly one-third of all reported cases. • 190 of the cases involved sex trafficking, while 19 cases involved labor trafficking. (National Human Trafficking Hotline, 2024). There has been a notable increase in teenage trafficking cases These statistics are not just numbers—they represent real children, real families, and real trauma. And unless we work towards solutions, Missouri will continue to be a hunting ground for traffickers. Key Provisions and Their Impact Traffickers target youth through manipulation, coercion, and exploitation of vulnerabilities—including homelessness, prior abuse, or involvement in the child welfare system. The CATE data membership report highlights key forms of trafficking impacting all victims of human trafficking and exploitation. CATE membership data in 2023 consisted of four human trafficking direct service providers of our 38 members. Of those four providers one exclusively serves adult survivors, one exclusively serves minors, and two provide services to both adults and minors. • Romantic/Intimate Partner Trafficking – 112 cases • Survival Sex – 62 cases • Familial-Controlled Trafficking – 35 cases • Gang-Controlled Trafficking – 19 cases • These numbers reinforce the urgent need for policy changes to strengthen protections, improve victim support, and ensure traffickers face

appropriate legal consequences. • The youngest reported victim was 4-7 years old (Missouri Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation, 2024). House Bill 219 is a decisive step toward strengthening Missouri's response to trafficking and exploitation. It accomplishes this by: • 1. Modernizing Legal Definitions to Strengthen Prosecution • A major flaw in Missouri's current laws is the outdated terminology of "child pornography." This term is misleading, as it suggests consent—when in reality, children cannot consent to their own exploitation. House Bill 219 mandates the use of "Child Sexual Abuse Material" (CSAM), aligning Missouri law with federal standards and ensuring that offenders are prosecuted appropriately. • Why does this matter? • CSAM reflects the true nature of these crimes—these are not just images; they are evidence of ongoing abuse. • It closes legal loopholes that have allowed traffickers and exploiters to avoid harsher penalties. • It provides law enforcement and the judiciary with clearer guidance in handling these cases. • Missouri can no longer afford to be behind the curve in addressing digital exploitation, which is often directly linked to human trafficking. A 2025 Missouri case involved a trafficker transporting a minor for prostitution, while their accomplice was convicted of possessing CSAM—illustrating how digital exploitation fuels physical trafficking. • 2. Expanding Support Services for Survivors • Identifying is just the first step—true justice means recovery and rehabilitation. House Bill 219 provides necessary reforms to improve trauma-informed care, emergency housing, and long-term support for survivors. • Without adequate resources, many victims face re-exploitation. Consider this: • We must break this cycle by ensuring that every survivor has access to the services they need—not just to escape, but to heal. • 3. Strengthening Deterrents and Criminal Consequences • Human trafficking is a high-profit, low-risk crime—because current penalties are not enough of a deterrent. House Bill 219 strengthens penalties for traffickers and those distributing CSAM, sending a clear message: • If you exploit children, you will face severe consequences. • If you traffic individuals in Missouri, you will not evade justice. • Harsher penalties are not just punitive—they are preventative. By making Missouri a hostile environment for traffickers, we protect children before they are harmed. 4. The Vital Need for Increased Training on Human Trafficking & Exploitation in Missouri Human trafficking is not a distant issue—it is happening in Missouri right now. It impacts children, vulnerable adults, and marginalized populations. While House Bill 219 strengthens protections and penalties, its success depends on proper training for service providers and communities. Without it, victims will continue to be overlooked, traffickers will escape justice, and Missouri's most vulnerable will remain unprotected. Conclusion House Bill 219 is more than just a legislative update—it reflects a critical step in protecting Missouri's most vulnerable. Every day that gaps in the law remain, more children are at risk of exploitation, more families experience the devastation of trafficking, and more survivors struggle to rebuild their lives without adequate resources. Missouri has the opportunity to take meaningful action by: • Closing legal loopholes and modernizing trafficking laws to reflect the realities of exploitation today. • Expanding support for survivors to help break cycles of abuse and ensure longterm recovery. Strengthening penalties to hold traffickers and predators accountable and deter future crimes. House Bill 219 is a necessary, survivor-focused, and data-driven approach to addressing these urgent issues. Ensuring that Missouri remains at the forefront of combating trafficking is essential to protecting the safety and well-being of our communities. Thank you for your time, dedication, and commitment to addressing this issue. The safety and future of Missouri's children depend on continued awareness, prevention, and action. References: Missouri Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation. (2024). Data and reports on trafficking in Missouri. MOCATE. Data - CATE Missouri House of Representatives. (2024). House Bill 219: Protection of children and vulnerable persons. Missouri General Assembly. National Human Trafficking Hotline. (2024). Missouri human trafficking statistics. Polaris Project. Missouri



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Kenneth M. Chackes Ken Chackes, LLC 230 S. Bemiston Ave., Suite 510 St. Louis, MO 63105 314-872-8420 kchackes@chackes.com January 31, 2025 TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 219 and HB 883 EXPANDING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE To the Chair and Members of the House Committee on Children and Families: My name is Ken Chackes. I am an attorney who was born & raised in Missouri. I have lived here my entire adult life, with my wife of over 50 years, my three children and seven children, all of whom are residents of Missouri. I graduated from St. Louis University Law School in the 1970s. In over 45 years as an attorney, a substantial part of my work has been representing people who have been sexually abused. I have handled civil cases for over 200 sexual abuse survivors and have consulted with probably another 200 survivors who cases I had to reject because of the statute of limitations. It's important to remember the reason that victims of sexual abuse are referred to as "survivors." It is because many victims have not survived. Some have either succumbed to conditions of drug or alcohol abuse or have taken their own lives. I have represented the parents of children who committed suicide and I have had clients commit suicide during the course of my representation. My sex abuse clients were abused in schools, churches and residential facilities such as group homes and hospitals. I have come to know a lot about the impact of sexual abuse on the victims and their families and want to share what I've learned. Many of my clients were abused as children or teenagers, but were unable to reveal what happened to them until decades later. Many survivors have told me that I was the first person they ever told of their abuse. Many who were abused by clergy described the fear they felt when they were being abused by a person with seemingly absolute power over them and their families. Many were told by their clergy abusers that they were chosen because they were special – that God wants them to do this. Many were told that this has to remain a secret and that if they tell anyone something terrible will happen - they or their parents will be punished or will wind up in hell. Many survivors told me they thought no one would believe them and they would get in serious trouble if they told anyone. Many expressed reasons why they couldn't even tell their parents. When the victims were still children, they thought their parents wouldn't believe them and they would be punished. As the abused children got older and more mature many said they still couldn't tell their parents because of the emotional harm that it would cause their parents. They believed their parents would be devastated to learn what happened to their children and might blame themselves for not being able to protect their children. Many said they had to wait for their parents to pass away before coming forward to spare them the trauma and guilt of learning that their children were abused. How does this information relate to the statute of limitations? If the statute of limitations is eliminated or extended much of this trauma and shame and guilt would be eliminated. We must keep in mind the societal benefits of civil lawsuits:- they are not simply a way to obtain compensation for injuries- they also hold the institutions accountable that allow and enable the abuse to occur - civil lawsuits and the threat of civil lawsuits encourage these institutions to prevent abuse

now and in the future ask you to think about the effect of public disclosure on the conduct of institutions. Shortly after the public learned about the vast extent of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church, starting with the Boston Globe's Spotlight articles in 2002, the Church leaders in the United States met and adopted a set of policies and procedures designed to stop the abuse. Through the extensive civil litigation that followed, even more light has been shined on the institutions – and not just Catholic – that enabled known sexual abuse to occur and that actively covered it up. In a recent unanimous decision of the highest court in this state, the Missouri Supreme Court recognized the admissibility of evidence that the Catholic church developed “a code . . . for referencing a priest's sexual abuse of children in personnel files and other records.” The Supreme Court applied the law developed in “analogous situations” including cases involving the “practices, symbols, terminology, and history of particular street gangs.” *John Doe v. Marianist Province of the US and Chaminade College Preparatory*, 620 S.W.3d 73 (MO banc 2021) Paul C. Wilson, Judge. Exposure of sexual abuse and how it has been allowed and covered up goes a long way to prevent future abuse and to protect today's children and future children and their families from suffering the trauma that has been inflicted by past abusers and their enablers. Future trauma can be avoided if institutions are exposed and held accountable for their negligent, reckless or intentional acts that enable more abuse. For the survivors and their family members, the ability to pursue a civil lawsuit, to expose the perpetrator and the coverup, and to be part of the effort to protect other people, has great value in itself. Survivors who succeed in their lawsuits may recover some money to compensate for their injuries. But most don't do it for the money. Many get none. I always tell my clients that filing a lawsuit will mean they have to go through a long and difficult process, that will require them and many of their friends and family members to face extensive and intrusive questioning from the lawyers for the defendants, but they do it to expose bad guys and protect today's and future children. And even when they lose their case because of some legal technicality, most of my clients are still glad they did it. They finally were able to tell their story. They were finally believed. Your action in eliminating or extending the statute of limitations can help to continue the effort to let the truth be known, to help the public learn of the extent of sexual abuse:- that the cover up was intentional - more perpetrators will be exposed - more victims will be able to disclose what happened to them. The cover ups will continue and more children will be abused unless all of us act to end it. Eliminating the arbitrary statute of limitations – not just for the perpetrators but also for the enabling institutions – is an extremely important tool to protect children. Thank you. Kenneth M. Chackes Ken Chackes, LLC 230 S. Bemiston Ave., Suite 510 St. Louis, MO 63105 314-872-8420 kchackes@chackes.com



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February 4, 2025 House Children and Families Committee Support for House Bill 219 The impacts of sexual abuse on a child are widespread. Many children suffer long-term mental and emotional consequences. It is important that victims understand what legal options they have available, and how long they have to pursue legal actions against the perpetrators of the abuse. Frequently, victims of child sexual abuse and exploitation take years to realize the mere fact that they have been victimized. In many instances, victims repress the memories of abuse as a psychological safeguard. The capacity to consciously recollect the event may be blocked, and the individual may have no conscious recollection that such horrific events ever occurred. Nonetheless, the emotional consequences of the events frequently play a real and ongoing role in the victim's life and may surface in the form of anxiety, anger and/or depression. House Bill 219 is a step in the right direction by expanding the statute of limitations from 10 to 20 years for victims of child sexual abuse or child sex trafficking to bring action against those who have perpetrated harm against them. On behalf of the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, and the nearly 100 agencies providing services to survivors of sexual and domestic violence, I support House Bill 219.



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I am here to speak in favor of this bill because I believe it will make it easier for law enforcement to arrest, and prosecutors to prosecute crime in our communities, and ultimately keep our children safer from those who would prey upon them and abuse them. Rather than simply going after the end product of pornography, this legislation allows for law enforcement to go after the tools of the trade and the purveyors and producers of child sexual abuse. I would encourage every member of this committee to vote "do pass".



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I am Opposed to this Bill. This Bill is a Duplication of Services are being provided by the State Attorney General Office Sex and Human Trafficking Unit, Not-For-Profit Groups and Organizations at the Federal, State, County and Local Levels. I am infavor of making the crimes a harsher Penalty.



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WITNESS NAME: MADELAINE ARCHIE		PHONE NUMBER:
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I want to reaffirm my vote to protect elective abortion access in Missouri. The majority of Missouri voters affirmed this in the November 2024 election to pass amendment 3 and the legislature is obligated to uphold the will of the people.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN GIBSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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Amendments needed: The members of the council are specified and include two members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate and the Minority Floor Leader, and two members of the House appointed by the Speaker (and certainly not by the 2025 House Speaker Pro Tem) and the Minority Floor Leader. The euphemism “patronizing prostitution” should be accurately replaced with “child sexual abuse or child trafficking”, and the penalties should apply to abuse of a child seventeen years of age or younger.