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WITNESS NAME		
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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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I am in Support of this Bill and extending the amount of time to 20-years in bringing a Civil Action in Circuit Court.



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WITNESS NAME: BRANDON KOCH		PHONE NUMBER: 573-893-4241
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI INSURANCE COALITION		TITLE:
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WITNESS NAME: CHANCE HEPOLA		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: ELIZABETH PHILLIPS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: JESSICA PETRIE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-6092	
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WITNESS NAME: JORGEN SCHLEMEIER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-4876	
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WITNESS NAME: RICH AUBUCHON		PHONE NUMBER: 573-616-1845	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM COALITION, INC.		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: SARAH BERRY		PHONE NUMBER:
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HB 1664 extends the civil statute of limitations for childhood sexual abuse claims from ten to twenty years after age twenty-one, preserves a discovery rule, and renders nondisclosure agreements unenforceable in disputes involving such claims.

The policy objective—facilitating accountability for childhood sexual abuse—is serious and legitimate. The constitutional execution, however, requires precision.

I. Retroactivity & Due Process Concerns

Section 3 applies the amendment to “any action arising on or after August 28, 2026.”

If this language is construed to revive claims previously time-barred under existing law, the bill invites challenge under:

Mo. Const. art. I, § 13 (prohibition on retrospective laws)

U.S. Const. amend. XIV (due process)

Missouri courts have historically treated statutes of limitation as substantive when they extinguish a vested defense. A defendant whose limitations defense has fully accrued possesses a recognized legal interest. Legislative revival of extinguished claims may be challenged as an unconstitutional retrospective impairment of vested rights.

If the General Assembly intends prospective expansion only, the text should be unmistakably clear. Ambiguity here is litigation fuel.

II. Discovery Rule Expansion

The bill preserves a “three years from discovery” provision layered onto an extended twenty-year outer limit.

While discovery rules are permissible, they materially alter evidentiary burdens decades after alleged conduct.

The longer the time horizon, the greater the due process risk tied to:

**Faded memory
Lost records
Deceased witnesses**

Courts evaluate whether such expansions remain fundamentally fair to defendants.

Precision in drafting mitigates constitutional vulnerability.

III. Nondisclosure Agreements Provision

Section 4 voids judicial enforcement of nondisclosure agreements in disputes involving childhood sexual abuse allegations.

This raises two structural considerations:

Contracts Clause (U.S. Const. art. I, § 10) — If applied to agreements executed before enactment, retroactive nullification may trigger constitutional scrutiny.

Separation of Powers — Blanket prohibition on judicial enforcement of existing agreements must be narrowly framed to avoid intrusion into adjudicatory authority.

Prospective invalidation is defensible.

Retroactive voiding is legally exposed.

Legislative Notice:

The General Assembly is hereby placed on formal notice that retroactive application of extended limitation periods or nullification of existing nondisclosure agreements may implicate Article I, Section 13 of the Missouri Constitution, the Contracts Clause of the United States Constitution, and due process protections under the Fourteenth Amendment.

Any ambiguity regarding revival of previously time-barred claims materially increases litigation risk.

The objective of accountability does not immunize structural defects.

We reject folded justice, we reject backroom bargains that erase testimony. We call for full light, full truth, and full weight of accountability.