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To Chair Warren

Thank you for the opportunity to speak spontaneously today. I'm speaking on behalf of my husband who took his life 25 years ago.

I appreciate the bravery of those giving their personal testimony. My understanding of this bill is around an issue of time limitations. The one thing I didn't hear explained is that often when children are abused, it is so overwhelming they compartmentalize the experience. This enables them to "forget" and go on with living. Later, years later, people can become matured mentally & emotionally. Their sense of self and personal security increases & memories start to return. The fracture (mental for survival) comes up where memories surface. They can be overwhelming. Many children who have been abused come from homes that have an appearance of euphoria from the outside. The contrast of appearance & reality can also be overwhelming and challenge a person's confidence of being mentally stable. The issue of the timing of memories returning is very individual and I have experienced watching the destruction of someone else due to identity issues, personal value issues - the list is long. My point is to highlight a reason,

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that of a child mentally compartmentalizing -
fracturing, themselves for survival, thus, much
later remembering.