

Dear

I am writing to request your support and help in amending the Limitation Act (Chapter 236) as it applies to adult survivors of child sexual abuse.

At the present moment the Act allows people to take civil action against their offenders only if it is done within two years of becoming an adult, unless the survivor is able to prove that this was impossible to do.

Because it is the nature of child sexual abuse to damage self-esteem, sense of personal rights, and the ability to defend oneself, most survivors spend much of their adulthood relearning these birthrights. It can take years or decades for them to fully remember the abuse, realize that they didn't deserve it, and see the need to defend themselves. They then turn to the justice system and are told that it is too late.

Surely the onus of proving previous inability to take action should not be on the survivor.

I am asking that because of the deep and long-term effects of child sexual abuse, survivors should have no limitation period set on their right to take civil action against their offenders.

A possible amendment to the act could be to include an addition of a Subsection 3(k) which states: 3(k) Relating to compensation for survivors of child sexual abuse.

Would you please reply to my concern. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

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