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Dear Fellow Representatives,

Recent headlines have cut very close to home for Oklahoma lawmakers when it comes to the topic of child sexual abuse. As disheartening as the news is, now is also the perfect time to make our voices heard that we will not tolerate crimes against children.

This is a very personal matter to me, since, as a child taken advantage of by a youth minister, I know the pain and negative thoughts such an act can leave on an impressionable child. It's rare when pending legislation coincides with a timely example of the problem, but such is the case with HB1468 and HB1470, two bills for which I am passionately advocating and for which I ask your support.

Of course, it's important to remember that everyone is presumed innocent until proven guilty. But it's also important to remember that everyone deserves their day in court. And unfortunately, when it comes to child sexual abuse, many victims don't get that day in court because the statute of limitations has passed by the time they are able to process their trauma. House Bills 1468 and 1470 will raise the statute of limitations to age 45 and empower survivors of sexual abuse to be able to pursue justice.

I am eagerly carrying these bills with the help of Representative Carol Bush, Representative Ben Loring, Representative Leslie Osborn, Representative Josh West, and Senator David Holt. Please join us in showing Oklahoma that we stand together in bi-partisan agreement and that we will not tolerate someone who takes advantage of others.

Sincerely,

Kevin McDugle

State Representative, District 12

This letter is distributed by Representative McDugle and Representative Bush