

House Bill 2306

Judiciary Committee
Rep. Fred Patton, Chair

Written Testimony in support of HB 2306**Carissa Stanton, MD**

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Dear Kansas House Judiciary Committee,

I am submitting written testimony in favor of HB 2306. As a general pediatrician, I have unfortunately had patients who were victims of childhood sexual abuse. I have witnessed the turmoil, shame, confusion and deceit these victims have endured. Most of the time these children have been threatened by adults to keep the crimes a secret. In fact, $\frac{1}{3}$ of victims disclose longer than 5 years after the victimization. Under current Kansas law, that would mean $\frac{1}{3}$ of victims would not be able to seek recovery of damages.

I had a college student patient who was victimized by a family member in the home as a child. She did not disclose the abuse until she was able to break free from the family as an adult. She had suffered physical and mental disabilities due to the abuse. Under current law, she was not able to seek recovery of damages.

In conclusion, I am in favor of HB 2306 because there should be no time limit to a victim seeking recovery of damages that occurred as a victim of child sexual abuse.

Sincerely,

Carissa Stanton, MD