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Justice4PAkids.com Press Conference and Petitions on Child Sex Abuse Statutes

HARRISBURG, PA – Justice4PAkids will hold a press conference on abolishing Pennsylvania’s childhood sexual abuse statutes on October 17, 2011 at noon in the rotunda at the State Capitol building. The group will be joined by former Philadelphia Eagle and child sexual abuse survivor Al Chesley as they deliver petitions to Representative Ronald Marsico, (R-Dauphin County) Chairman of the judiciary committee.

Marsico has not put House Bills 832 and 878 on his agenda. These bills were introduced on March 9, 2011 by Louise Bishop and Mike McGeehan respectively (both D-Philadelphia). Both Bishop and McGeehan will also speak at the press conference.

HB 832 would repeal the statute of limitations in civil suits relating to child sexual abuse cases moving forward. HB 878 would provide a one-time, two-year window in which victims could bring a civil action in cases previously barred by the current statute.

Justice4PAKids is a newly formed coalition of child & victim advocates, lawyers, mental health professionals and concerned citizens dedicated to eliminating the Pennsylvania statutes of limitations for childhood sexual abuse. This would expose perpetrators and those who harbor them; protect children; give victims an opportunity for justice; save taxpayers money.

“There is no statute of limitations on murder,” says former Philadelphia Deputy District Attorney and group member Charles Gallagher. “Why should childhood sexual abuse, which is actually soul murder be treated differently? The arguments against it are the same that could be used against murder statutes. They simply don’t hold up.”

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