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The courthouse door should never be slammed shut to prevent rape and sexual assault victims from seeking justice because of an arbitrary time period called the statute of limitations. Law enforcement and district attorneys should be able to decide if they will arrest and prosecute based on the evidence in the case, and they should not be prevented from pursuing charges because the statute of limitations prevents them from seeking justice.

It is long overdue for Colorado to join states like New Jersey which have eliminated the statute of limitations for rape cases and Nevada which has extended their statute to 20 years, in order to bring justice to victims of sexual predators.

I am happy to support Colorado Representative Rhonda Field's bill HB 16-1260 which seeks to extend the statute of limitations in Colorado for rape, because if passed into law it will empower survivors of rape and sexual assault and allow many of them their day in court, which they would otherwise be denied.

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