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I would like to thank Assemblywoman Margaret Markey and my attorney Gloria Allred for inviting me here today.

I have come to Albany to show my support for the Child Victim's Act (A5488, Markey). I believe that this bill is very important, because its primary concern is to protect our children. Children need to be our main focus because they are innocent and vulnerable.

Because of my personal experience I feel that the current law does not protect the victim, but instead protects the abuser. Children need to know we have their back. Our justice system needs to allow us to fight for our children and to stand up for them and by them so that they are safe, feel confident to tell the truth, and have access to justice.

I was a child when I was sexually abused. Coming forward then against someone so revered in the community was not an option for me.

Also, when I did call the Syracuse Police Dept. and the University they did not do anything meaningful.

This proposed law will make child predators accountable so that they cannot hide behind the statute of limitations and avoid responsibility for the sexual abuse of children.

I hope and pray that everyone in both political parties will come together and realize that this bill is essential in protecting our children. We need to do all that we can to pass this bill into law.

Mike and I plan to return to Albany with Ms. Allred to meet with legislators to urge their support.

The time to pass this bill is now.

Bobby Davis
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