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Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my support as a proponent to bill SB 208.

The statute of limitations is a legal time limit that sets a deadline for filing a lawsuit or bringing criminal charges against someone. Proponents of eliminating the statute of limitations argue that it would ensure that victims have a fair chance to seek justice for crimes committed against them, regardless of when the crime occurred. Many victims of sexual assault or abuse, for example, may not come forward for years or even decades due to the trauma and shame associated with the experience. Eliminating the statute of limitations would allow them to seek justice and hold their perpetrators accountable, regardless of how much time has passed.

Moreover, eliminating the statute of limitations would also help to address the issue of unprosecuted crimes. Many crimes, such as those committed by powerful individuals or those involving complex financial fraud, can take years to uncover and prosecute. The current statute of limitations often allows perpetrators to escape justice simply because enough time has passed since the crime was committed. By eliminating the statute of limitations, prosecutors would have more time to investigate and build cases against those who have committed serious crimes, ensuring that justice is served and that criminals are held accountable for their actions. I believe this bill should also be amended to go beyond the year of 1984.

Therefore, I urge you to take action and pass SB 317 to eliminate the statute of limitations. Thank you for your consideration.

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