

April 30, 2024

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

"There should be no situation where a defense attorney was on a committee that appointed the judge. Therefore the judge gets their client off ... I've been in Rhode Island long enough to know those kind of things happen," Place said. "If you're a connected defendant, you get off. If you're a non-connected defendant, you don't get off." Providence Journal, 2023

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill No. 7050.

Many, including myself, would speculate the reason I personally find this bill insulting to victims. At this point why not make it 100 years? The disturbance of this bill is a personal vengeance that will never heal without addressing the root of the extended circumstances of reporting and finding "justice." The efforts on this bill are missing the most critical component; creating a culture of safe reporting. What is serious is the lack of information, advocacy and support for victims; not more punitive measures that are not evidence based.

"I just came to the conclusion that I have an obligation to protect other children,"She went to the police at 14, but he was able to evade justice.

..she got "a lot of misinformation," she said, and was told that the statute of limitations had probably expired. Roberts explained to him that her mother "got some very bad legal advice from a trusted personal attorney who apparently recommended that she not pursue it at that time." ..she says that she feels a responsibility to talk about her experience in case there are other victims out there who could pursue charges. **She encourages survivors of abuse to reach out to Day One, a local organization that provides support services and can help advocate on victims' behalf. "I think a lot of people may not know that's available to them, but they're very helpful in navigating the process," she said.**" Providence Journal November 2022.

Criminal Justice Advocacy Rhode Island: Day One

2017 - assisted 103

2020- 8

2022- 1

What a sad factual statistic, equally to the 65% who also don't report. I apologize for the sponsors' pain and horrible acts committed upon them. However I do not apologize for any reason I have for the opposition.

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