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District Attorney Lynne Abraham to Testify in Support of Child Victims of Sexual Abuse

HB 1137 Would Strengthen Laws Against Child Molesters

Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham will appear and speak at a News Conference on **Monday, May 12, 2008 at 1:00PM**, in the **Harrisburg Capitol Rotunda** calling for **Legislative Hearings** on **House Bill 1137: The Child Victim's Act of Pennsylvania.**

District Attorney Abraham will appear with the Sponsor of HB 1137 **Representative Lisa Bennington** (D, Allegheny) and **John Salvesson**, the founder of the **Foundation To Abolish Child Sex Abuse** as well as several other advocates for this Act and survivors of childhood sexual abuse to make the point why **Hearings** are necessary to raise the awareness of this important legislation.

House Bill 1137: The Child Victim's Act of Pennsylvania would accomplish three goals:

1 - Make the civil statute of limitations consistent with the criminal statute which is until the victim's 50th birthday (currently it is until their 30th birthday),

2 – Close the loophole that allowed child sex abusers to remain unidentified by suspending the civil statute of limitations for 2 years in child sex abuse cases in which the statute has expired; and

3- Allow the filing of such actions against child sex abusers and their enablers in both public and private institutions.

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