**LETTER FROM U.S. RESIDENTS [States and territories other than NY]**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

I am a [*enter state name]* State citizen, and protection of children and justice for victims of childhood sexual abuse is very important to me. With the New York Child Victims Act (A01771), you have the chance to allow justice for thousands of victims of abuse, victims who have been silenced due to NY’s very restrictive statute of limitations on child sex crimes.

Currently, New York has one of the most restrictive statutes of limitations for reporting of childhood sexual abuse. When victims come forward to disclose the abuse they suffered, they often find that the NY civil statute of limitations has already expired. The current statute of limitations in New York allows abusers to avoid accountability for their actions.

This is a disgraceful situation and I urge you to vote in favor of the Child Victims Act. Please help victims of childhood sexual abuse receive justice by supporting A01771.

By adopting A01771, New York will be a leader in our nation in yet another way. The Child Victims Act will eliminate the civil statute of limitations for child sex abuse law suits, and allow victims a chance to be made whole again in the law, to recover damages from their abuser and the institution that failed to prevent their abuse. **Justice should serve the victim of crime, not the perpetrator.** Please support the Child Victims Act A01771.

Sincerely,

[Name, address, and contact phone/email]