

Hello, my name is Tania Salvador. I am 21 years old. When I was 7/8 years old, I along with my sister were victims of sexual abuse by a trusted family member. Neither of us spoke out against it due to fear of our parents thinking we were lying, or maybe seeking attention.

The abuse eventually stopped after I got the courage to finally just say stop. I didn't know whether it was good, or bad. I was young and confused; I just knew it was wrong. I then just blocked it from my mind, pretended it never happened.

As I got older I started noticing how much the abuse had affected me. I realized it when out of nowhere flashbacks would come to my mind, and I would take it all out on my husband. I did not want him to even hug me because every little move would bring flashback, and I would take all my anger out on him, and even though he was someone I trusted, I would not have the nerve to even tell him why.

One day I got the guts to finally tell my husband what had happened when I was younger. He said I have to tell my parent, the cops, someone. I told him I did not want to tell anyone because I still feared no one would believe me, especially now since it was so long ago.

My cousin Nadia had been through a similar situation with the same perpetrator. I advised Nadia of what had happened to me as well, and she gave me the phone number to the detective that was trying to work on her case. That same day I called Detective to set up a meeting to see him. I attended my appointment, and he took notes, and recorded our meeting. After all was said, and documented, he then advised me that there was nothing we can do because the status of limitation had run out. I was in shock to his response. I was upset! The first thing that came is why did I waste my time saying anything if nothing is going to be done, why ask for detailed descriptions of what had happened, why bring up painful thought I had blocked out for no reason? How is a recorded confession not enough?! This is why I am here today to ask you to vote yes on SB167 that removes the status of limitation for sexually abused people. I believe a crime like this should not have a limitation of any sort. I believe the law should be set to help people, not the people doing the crimes.