

Chair Bynum and honorable members of the committee, My name is Tania Culver Humphrey, I live in senate district 23, and house 45. I'm here today to testify in support of HB 2400 because it is both right and respectful to give survivors access to records that relate directly to them and one of the most traumatic experiences a person can endure.

I am an adult survivor of childhood sexual abuse by my father, Ellsworth Culver, cofounder of Mercy Corps. He abused me through most of my childhood, from preschool up into my teen years. My father died over a decade ago, and he was never prosecuted for any of these many crimes.

What happened to me is now public and widely known after the Oregonian conducted a 10 month investigation and published a number of articles and a documentary. People continue to message me about how disturbed they are at the amount of evidence and documentation that was found and that there were so many who had some knowledge of the crimes, but he was not ever prosecuted, and I was never rescued.

Not being rescued when people knew is really hard to begin to truly face.

After the Oregonian report came out, I requested records from numerous law enforcement agencies to try to help piece together what happened. Some responded by saying they had no records. But others did, yet they still refused to provide them to me, even though in my case, my records would have been from the 1980s, and the statute of limitations for prosecution for these crimes has passed, and the perpetrator dead.

In spite of the fact that my story, and the personal horrifying details of the most vulnerable and traumatic parts of my life are now known to anyone who would like to google my name, I am still personally unable to access information that is directly and intimately about me and my life. That feels dehumanizing. To know that there are pieces of a puzzle that I desperately need that I am not allowed to see, It feels like my rights are less valued than my dead fathers who got away with being a serial sexual predator for years.

When I was being raped and assaulted, I had all control, personal agency and rights stripped from me, and I struggled to hold on to the fact that I mattered at all, that is what those crimes do to a child, to a person.

To be given access to those reports, about myself, would help me to heal by reinforcing I do have value and rights, and would help me regain that sense of agency.

Being able to see those records is an important part of my journey to help me to finally be able to understand what happened, why I was never saved, and put to rest the what ifs with reality.

It might be a really sad reality in those reports. Truth can be incredibly painful sometimes, but speaking for myself, and the many other victims of crimes like these who don't have the opportunity to speak publicly, we should be respected enough to be given the right to know our own story, and to be given the chance to grieve that reality and heal with the truth and not have to suffer wondering the what ifs.

With this I respectfully ask the the committee to please vote YES on HB 2400.