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*Victim Impact Statement*

As my daughter gets older, she is really starting to understand the enormity of what was done to her. She can see that we are drowning in hundreds of victim notification letters and emails. Her vague understanding (as a six year old) that other pedophiles have seen her pornography has been transformed into outright terror. She is fearful that one of them will recognize her in a public place, attack her, and rape her. There is a pervasive feeling of helplessness; knowing that her photos are "out there" and there is nothing we can do to stop their distribution. She has to carry the weight of that knowledge each day of her life. Although her bravery is astounding, this is a heavy burden for a twelve year old.

When [REDACTED] was going to college, we had to move into a violent, low income, school district. She came home crying every day because of the violence she was forced to witness. It triggered all kinds of flashbacks of the abuse. The boys were starting to notice her body and were not shy about expressing their interest in her. Other girls were wishing for boyfriends and she was unable to relate to them, because she didn't want one. I actually felt it was best for her well-being to be in a private school, but we could not afford it. I wound up homeschooling her for an entire year. She is now back in a public school, but she still needs constant support with homework and describes feeling depression/fear/anxiety when around kids who act out, yell, argue or threaten others. Just last night, she cried for two hours due to her anxiety over being in the public school setting.

She knows that other kids get money [REDACTED] have had to explain that although there is a restitution order [REDACTED] for this crime; that we have not received a penny. It makes her feel worthless and used. She can't understand why other pedophiles are not also responsible for paying restitution to her. Deep down she craves justice, but is too terrified to face them in a courtroom. I know I can't replace my daughter's lost innocence. There is no way to quantify what has been stolen. My daughter spoke out against [REDACTED] to save other children from becoming victims of sexual abuse. Please don't let that sacrifice be in vain. We appeal to the court system for mercy.

PLEASE find it in your hearts to demand monetary restitution for this kind little girl who has suffered sadistic sexual abuse through no fault of her own. Our hope is to send a message to potential pedophiles. Not only will you spend time in jail, but you will pay a fine for your crimes against children. Our hope is that this will serve to deter future pedophiles from viewing child pornography. It will also help me pay for the best treatment, education, and medication for her individual needs.

Respectfully Yours,

[REDACTED]