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## *The Value of Civil SOL Reform: Shifting the Cost of Abuse from Victims to Those Who Caused It*

**The average direct cost per victim ranges from \$210,012 to \$1.2M.<sup>1</sup>**

<b><u>DIRECT COSTS INCLUDE:</u></b>	<b><u>INDIRECT COSTS:</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lifelong healthcare bills</li><li>• productivity losses</li><li>• child welfare costs</li><li>• legal fees</li><li>• special education</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• interference with education</li><li>• mental health care</li><li>• substance abuse treatment</li><li>• teen pregnancy</li><li>• welfare dependency</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• domestic violence</li><li>• homelessness</li><li>• juvenile delinquency</li><li>• adult criminality</li><li>• and long-term unemployment</li></ul>

The state and its citizens are paying for the reduction in productivity, reduced tax revenue, and the increased medical and social needs of victims and their families. At the same time, the perpetrators and the institutions that created the conditions for the abuse have been given the most effective tool -- short statutes of limitations -- to avoid footing the cost.



Civil litigation for child sex abuse victims forces perpetrators and those who caused the abuse to pay for the harm they made happen. Through the justice system, **the cost of abuse is shifted** from individual victims, their families, and the taxpaying public as a whole to the people and institutions who have benefited from being in the shadows after they caused the abuse and its severe effects. This is not only fair, but economically sound.

<sup>1</sup> The CDC estimates the per-victim average cost of these services at \$210,012. Where death (including death from suicide) or permanent disability is the result of the abuse, such costs increase to approximately \$1,272,000 per victim. <http://sol-reform.com/2014/06/why-survivor-lawsuits-will-shift-the-astronomical-costs-of-childhood-sexual-abuse-from-the-public-back-onto-those-responsible-for-the-abuse-kenton-stanhope/>