

# STATEMENT FROM THE FAMILY – JUSTICE FOR OHIO KIDS

## For Public Release

We are releasing this statement as a family united in truth, strength, and unwavering commitment to protecting our child and all children across Ohio. What happened to Thor on January 6, 2025, should never happen to any child, in any school, under any circumstance. At fifteen years old, he was assaulted by someone entrusted with the safety and wellbeing of students—an unthinkable betrayal that changed our lives forever.

As Thor's family, we have witnessed firsthand the emotional, physical, and psychological impact this experience has had on him. No child should ever have to carry this burden. The trauma he suffered mirrors the trauma endured by his mother at just eight years old. Our family has now lived through two generations of pain caused by sexual violence—something no family should ever have to experience.

We are speaking publicly because silence protects predators, not children. We refuse to allow this cycle of harm to continue. We refuse to let the system overlook or minimize what happened. And we refuse to let any other family suffer due to the gaps in Ohio law that allowed an accused offender to remain in the community with minimal restrictions.

Our message is simple: children deserve better. Families deserve better. Ohio deserves better. The safety of our children cannot be optional, negotiable, or delayed. The laws must change, and they must change now.

We stand together as a family—firm, resilient, and determined. We will not stop fighting until every child in Ohio is protected, until every loophole is closed, and until justice is served for Thor and all survivors of childhood sexual assault.

We ask the public, lawmakers, school leaders, and the media to stand with us. Use your voice. Share Thor's story. Demand change. Together, we can build a safer future for every child in our state.

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