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Statement by Sexual Assault Survivors Attorney John Manly on Governor Newsom's Signing of Assembly Bill 218

"The signing into law of Assembly Bill 218 represents a bipartisan effort by the legislature and the governor to fight the scourge of childhood sexual abuse throughout California.

It will give survivors who had lost the right to hold their abusers accountable renewed access to our justice system.

It will give law enforcement agencies new tools and information to bring pedophiles to justice. And it will put powerful institutions like the Catholic hierarchy, our public schools and youth sports leagues on notice that they cannot allow predators to molest children, cover up their crimes and escape responsibility."

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Manly, Stewart & Finaldi is the nation's leading firm representing athletes in child sexual abuse cases against school districts, Universities and Olympic Governing Bodies. They recently represented 180 alleged victims of former Olympic Team doctor Larry Nassar resulting in a $500 million-dollar settlement against Michigan State University. In 2018 the firm settled cases against the Torrance Unified School District for $31 million on behalf of alleged victims of former wrestling coach and convicted child molester Thomas Snider, against Los Angeles Unified School district for $8 million in cases involving former football coach and convicted child molester Jamie Jimenez and for $14 million in cases involving former Los Angeles Unified District employee Ronnie Lee Roman. The firm has also settled $30 million in claims against Redlands Unified School District.