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**Statement from Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White Supporting AG Lisa Madigan's Efforts
to End the Statute of Limitations for Child Sexual Abuse Crimes**

I applaud Attorney General Lisa Madigan and strongly support her efforts to end the statute of limitations for child sexual abuse crimes.

As a former school teacher and administrator in the Chicago public school system for 33 years, and as the founder of the Jesse White Tumbling Team in 1959, I know firsthand the importance of establishing trust in a mentoring relationship with children. To violate that trust in such a despicable and depraved manner is against all laws of human decency. An offender should not be able to get away with such a heinous crime just because a certain amount of time has passed.

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