

I shared 1 of many occurrences that happened to me, profoundly the most significant, with you back in July and I have sat in support here when others have shared their stories. It never gets easier to hear these accounts for the first time and it breaks my heart to listen to each one, to hear the pain and embarrassment that was forced onto them knowing I never had to happen. I ask you, why do I still need to be here?

It took me a long time to step out from the safety of anonymity. But more voices needed to be heard first hand. I am here to speak for those who continue to suffer in silence, who live with this every day, with the guilt and the shame and the embarrassment that was never supposed to be ours to carry.

This was not supposed to happen to us, but now we have to live with this. And tragically now so do the people who are closest to us, our wives, our children and our friends.

When this first came out over a year and a half ago it was like a weight being lifted. Someones going to bring this into the light. I felt that being thrown back down on us every step of the way at every turn. What I didn't realize the depth and scope of the abuse and coverup that took place even BEFORE I was recruited.

I have spoken before this committee

I have spoken before the OSU board of trustees

I have spoken on the news

So, again, I ask you Why do I need to be here? The answer is simple:

Because we need your help to put an end to this, to give us the peace of mind we deserve. Support us and represent us. Pass HB 249 and allow us to hold OSU accountable and put an end to this.