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In Response to the PA Supreme Court Overturning the Sexual Assault Conviction of Bill Cosby

Yesterday's supreme court ruling that allowed for the release of Bill Cosby will prove difficult and painful for his accusers and millions of survivors of sexual violence and assault. What we need to take from this disappointing turn of events is that the efforts of those who come forward and speak out are never in vain. While the outcome in any court proceeding is not always what we want, each effort brings us more awareness and a step closer to ending the scourge of sexual violence.

Mr. Cosby's accusers spawned the #METOO movement which forever changed the temperature of acceptance and silence associated with sexual violence.

Victims of sexual violence are feeling shock, indignation and anger today—and they should. They should also know that these setbacks, while sometimes hard to accept, do indeed move us toward ending the social norms that allow for acceptance of these horrific behaviors. Commonwealth v. Cosby will be the case that changed how we respond to sexual violence.

Center for Victims is here to help survivors through this shocking turn of events. Our advocates, counselors and therapists are available 24/7 for support.

Our confidential 24-hour hotline is 1-866-644-2882. Call us.

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