

PERSONAL ACCOUNTS FROM SURVIVORS OF PRISON  
SEXUAL ASSAULTS

Our first panel are the -- will be the testimony of the survivors of prison sexual assault.

I want to, as I always do, personally thank all of you for your courage and your willingness to appear. We need to put a human face on this issue, and we need to let it be known that there are good people like you who unfortunately found yourself in the prison setting who were abused by those who obviously should not have had the opportunity to do so. So we do thank you for your participation, your role in this effort. And being willing to come forward is essential as we make a record and come forth with the recommendations that need to be made in order to have a positive impact on this problem.

So we will have the testimony of Mr. Chance Martin, Ms. Hope Hernandez, Ms. Cecilia Chung, Mr. Kendell Spruce and Mr. T.J. Parsell.

I don't know if you-all have decided who would go first, but --

CHANCE MARTIN: That will be me.

CHAIRMAN WALTON: We'll start to my right with Mr. Chance.

Mr. Chance, thank you very much for your participation.

I'd ask that all of you just take an oath. We want to make sure we're taking testimony under

oath.

(Chance Martin, Hope Hernandez, Cecilia Chung, Kendell Spruce and T.J. Parsell were duly sworn.)

CHAIRMAN WALTON: Thank you.

All of the witnesses have been sworn. I believe all of you have submitted written statements. They will be made a part of the written record.

I understand that somebody wanted to correct their written statement. You're more than welcome to do that, and those corrections will be made a part of the official record.