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140 Delaware Child Victims Act Papers
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261 Senate Bill 29 was the second legislative effort led by State Senator Karen Peterson and a group of advocates, including Voice of the Faithful members and the Child Victims Voice Coalition who were attempting to extend or completely eliminate the civil statute of limitations for child sexual abuse. These records were collected from several sources by Avril Madison who was involved in the effort, and provide primary source material about HB 450, SB 29, the Child Victims Act and the aftermath of its passage.

270 Most of the records are copies of the Papers of State Senator Karen Peterson relating to the passage of Senate Bill 29 and its consequences. Included are relevant House and Senate Bills, the Senator's correspondence relating to this legislation, testimony of advocates on both sides of the issue, press releases, newspaper clippings, and miscellaneous related information. Also present are records from The Voice of the Faithful, Child Victims Voice Coalition, and The Neuberger Firm, all of whom worked for the passage of SB 29. Their records are planning documents, correspondence, opinion pieces, letters to the editor of local newspapers, summaries of meetings, snapshots of the Coalition website, a zip drive containing court record appendices from the James E. Sheehan Delaware Supreme Court case, and a copy of the book by Thomas Neuberger, *When Priests Become Predators: Profiles of Childhood Sexual Abuse Survivors*. See the collection finding aid prepared by the donor for additional background information.

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330 Arranged by source of the records, thereunder chronologically by date of the records.
331 No index.
332 Typed, handwritten.
350 Photocopies, electronic copies.
360 Good condition.
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