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Justice Lauri Selber Silverstein BSA Bankruptcy Case 824 Market Street 6th Floor Wilmington, DE 19801

RE: Claim

Dear Justice Silverstein,

As a forty-eight-year-old school administrator for an urban school division in Richmond, VA, I would have never, ever thought I would be in the position of having to make real to someone else, what has been a personal nightmare to me.

Decades before I heard of the class-action suit against the Boys Scouts of America (BSA), I kept what happened to me as a youth boy scout very private; I internalized the anger, hate, and embarrassment throughout high school, college and most of my adulthood. My wife of 24 years is the only one who knows I was molested by from 1984 to 1985. He served as a scout troop leader for BSA while working for the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, the project housing authority where I grew up as a youth. Already growing up in a marginalized situation, I was further traumatized.

to tell anyone for fear of being teased as a youth, and too prideful to seek counseling as an adult. I felt "stuck" in this nightmare then, and although time has healed some wounds, the scares are still very real today. Let me leave you with this question: if it were you, a family member of yours or even your own child who experienced the horrors I had as a youth, would you consider the current BSA reorganization plan (from an individual perspective) sufficient?

I appreciate this opportunity to speak my truth and make this a bit more real to you. I pray that you will make the right decision, not one based on what's good of BSA, but what's in the best interest for those negatively impacted by BSA.



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