

My name is Susanne Dickison. I was prepared to testify in front of this committee. However, at this exact time, I am with my daughter, attending the plea bargain court proceeding for one of my granddaughter's abusers. We have been informed that it will be emotional as she will need to say exactly what she did.

My granddaughter, at just 5 months old, was abused, repeatedly, at Small World Learning Center. I am sickened and outraged with the knowledge that these women may receive no jail time. Let that sink in. No jail time. Felony Malicious Treatment of a child under 4 years old. My granddaughter was repeatedly abused for several months. This case has over a dozen other victims, all immobile infants.

I have always believed and even taught my children that the wheels of justice turn slowly but they do turn. That belief is gone. Punishment should fit the crime. Arrested on a Thursday afternoon and out the very next afternoon does not fit this crime. They should be behind bars. Our family feels we have been in a jail since they were arrested. Please, renew my faith in justice and mandate a year behind bars for abusers of the most vulnerable of victims. They are our future and deserve justice!