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## PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

RHODE ISLAND ATTRACTS NATIONAL ATTENTION FOR INEFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO CATHOLIC DIOCESE SEX ABUSE CRISIS!

Survivor Network of those Abused by Priests a National non profit dedicated to these issues: sent out a recent Press Release Concerned about US Attorney Nerhona candidate for AG, regarding his lack of desire to assure 89% of Rhode Islander's Concerns on Clergy sex abuse scandal. These numbers acquired by two separate polls one from Go Local Prov sources at 89% and one from ABC 6 with slightly less 77%.

Alliance for Safe Communities has reached out to US Attorney Nerhona regarding his intent for lack of action and investigation of the Catholic Diocese Sex Abuse scandal. Our future Attorney General is running a virtually uncontested effortless campaign to success. One would think this would be one of the first challenging tasks to attend to.

The Alliance asks Attorney Nerhona how his victory can be perceived as anything but fruitless, when 89% of Rhode Islander's are calling for an investigation, he clearly is unwilling to undertake.

Serious issues of sex abuse and cover up within Rhode Island's Diocese is no longer acceptable. With 16 Attorney Generals from 15 states having opened

investigations in their respective Diocese, one has to wonder Peter Nerhona's lack of ambition to proceed. Rhode Island Bishop Accountability.org notes at least 38 priests who worked in Rhode Island accused of abuse. Will Rhode Island victims have received no representation, and future victims assuredly denied protection? Lack of action demonstrates a failure of our criminal justice system in Rhode Island. Alliance for Safe Communities also formally notified current and exiting Attorney General Kilmartin, to address these issues and received no response other than the public statements he previously made to Rhode Islander's via Go Local Prov's vigilant pursuit for answers.

We call on Peter Nerhona to step up, and represent "all "victims of sexual abuse. The Catholic Diocese should not be allowed to protect a perceived "elite" segment of pedophiles in our state, who seem virtually immune to consequence.

Independent investigations by law enforcement is paramount to achieving truth and consequence.

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LINK TO SURVIVORS NETWORK THOSE ABUSED BY PRIESTS PRESS RELEASE YESTERDAY ON 10/25/15 THURSDAY, SNAP.ORG:

http://www.snapnetwork.org/rhode\_island\_poll\_investigation\_oct18