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Media Advisory: Rep. Romero Statement in Support of Terry Mitchell

SALT LAKE CITY – Today Representative Angela Romero, House District 26, issued the following statement in support of Terry Mitchell, whose case was heard today by the Utah Supreme Court. Mitchell, who was a witness during a high-profile trial in 1981, accuses a former Federal judge, Richard Warren Roberts, of sexually assaulting her when she was 16 years old, and when Roberts was a Federal prosecutor.

“This is an important case for so many people. It would give survivors of sexual abuse and sexual assault an avenue that allows them to heal. So often victims who are sexually abused by people they trust are not inclined to say anything about it – sometimes for years, even decades. This case is about holding perpetrators accountable, regardless of social status.”

Rep. Romero added, “One in five kids are sexually assaulted before the age of 18, often by people they have trusted, and often by people in powerful positions. 85 percent of sexual abuse survivors never talk about what happened to them. That’s why this case is so important.”

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