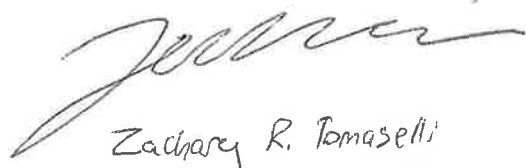


I am taking this action to support the other men that have gone public and to do everything I can to protect other kids from harm by Bernie Fine and powerful men like him. I was sexually abused by Bernie Fine after he invited me to a Syracuse game. At the time I wasn't even able to understand and process it as abuse, but now I know what harm he has done to me and others. I know I have done harm to a child as an adult and for that I am deeply sorry and need to be truthful. I also have been reading and learning how Bernie Fine has denied doing this to me and others so I made the decision to go public after Thanksgiving because I know he was lying and I believe it is dangerous and could hurt other kids. He hurts me and others when he lies about abusing kids and denies abusing me and others. I didn't tell anybody about this or even see it as abuse until I told a friend who I trusted in 2008, who named it and helped me understand it better. I need to get better and am getting help. I know there are so many kids out there hurting and want them to know that I am now reclaiming myself and taking responsibility for the harm I have done and feel a responsibility to speak up and speak truthfully out so others are helped and other kids are protected better.



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