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Good Morning Ms. Faulk:

When I read the full story about how this man was able to victimize these women again, I was horrified.

They had to endure the horrendous act brought upon them not once, but twice, by being interrogated by the very person that inflicted the original pain.

I don't think under any circumstances should a defendant have the right to directly interrogate any person he is accused of assaulting.

I am tired of the defendants having all of the rights.

I agree with what is written in the article: that a third party interrogate the victims, that a judge review all of the questions before-hand to determine whether they are relevant questions, or if the defendant is just trying to terrorizing the victims, and that the victims should have the right to answer questions via close circuit television. Some women are strong and want to confront their accusers face to face, but there are others that are too traumatized by the events, and they should not be forced to sit in a chair directly across from these monsters.

It sickens me to no end, all the rights given to defendants. If there is solid evidence to convict this person (i.e DNA or caught red-handed etc.), then they should lose the right to a trial.

I know everyone has the right to a trial by their peers, but it's time to change the laws. These laws were written eons ago and times have changed. Not only is it a waste of tax-payer money and time to have to sit on a jury to come to an obvious guilty verdict, but it is torture for the victims to have to relive the crime.

Thank you for your time.

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