

House Justice Committee Members:

The Coalition for a Useful Registry is opposed to SB 76 and SB 77 for the following reasons:

1. No Study has been done to show the need. In fact all the studies done on restrictions such as this show they do more harm than good and actually increase the likelihood of recidivism on the part of registrants.
2. The Adam Walsh Act does not require or recommend safety zones of any type.
3. Measuring from the property line of day care centers will be a problem for both Law Enforcement and registrants.
4. Registrants will have no way of knowing were all the licensed day care centers are within the area where they live or work.
5. This addition to the restrictions already in place on registrants will result in possible litigation against the State Of Michigan that will only add additional cost to the State of Michigan to defend, for a law that has no basis in fact or that will correct any known problem.

If the House and Senate are sure they wish to have a law like this in place the following suggestions for improving the law should be considered. Although the Coalition still does not support laws of this type.

1. For this law to be enforceable the Day Care Center should be required to have a sign in their front yard stating at a minimum:
 - A. That it is a day care center, and the name of the day care center.
 - B. The hours of operation, and days of operation.
 - C. The sign should have to be no smaller then 3ft by 5ft.
2. This law should only apply to Tier 3 offenders whose crimes were committed while they were adults and were committed against a minor.

3. The law should only be applied by Law Enforcement during the hours and days of operation of the day care center.
4. The law should only apply after the Registrant has been given one warning by law enforcement at a Day Care Center.
5. Law Enforcement should be directed in the law as to what method or methods will be used to measure the 1,000 ft. and from a legally established point at the day care center.

Respectfully Submitted For the Coalition for a Useful Registry



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