Senator Kuipers,

We strongly object to some of the provisions of SB1560 concerning publication of sex registration data.

Granted some fields are necessary, i.e. name, address, DOB. However, some data will enable vigilante groups to harass not only the offender, but members of his/her family or other innocent individuals. We are aware of paint being dumped on the car driven by an offender even though the car belonged to another member of the family. If the license plate number of any car driven by the offender is published, no one will ever be willing to loan a car for needed transportation to a job etc. We must give the offenders a chance to rehabilitate their lives.

Including employment information will certainly have a negative impact on employers being willing to hire these individuals and it is already very difficult to find employment because of the offense. If it reflects badly on those giving offenders a second chance, no one will do it.

This legislation is excessively punitive to a group of people who actually have a very low rate of recidivism. From 1990-2005, of 6,643 sex offenders released only 204 (3.1%) were returned for a new sex offense. This was corroborated by Patricia Caruso, Director MDOC on Oct 11, 2010 at Church of the Servant in Grand Rapids MI speaking to Ministries of Christians for Prisoners.

One more thing, a 3 business day requirement is very short. Is there really a good reason to shorten it from the current 10 days?

As parents of a sex offender we are asking for mercy. Because of the difficulty finding a job and getting back on their feet, many offenders are living with family. This in itself is a burden. Please don't make more obstacles to their recovery. And don't punish us for their crime. We already were forced to move and sold our home at a loss to comply with the distance from school requirement.

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