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Re: Docket No. OAG 157

## **EROSION OF RIGHTS AND DEGRADATION OF SOCIETY:**

Citizens face the possibility of being placed on one kind of registry or another based upon a perceived risk alone, without a criminal case involved.

Allowing the rights of one group of society to be degraded opens the door to the degradation of the rights of everyone. The ever-expanding SORNA & AWA registry is a prime example of this erosion of rights. Opening Pandora's box so now there is on the books laws throughout the U.S. giving creation to Registries for Domestic Violence, Gun Offenders, Meth Makers, Repeat Traffic Offenders, DWI Offenders, Child Abusers, Oklahoma's Abortion Registry, Dangerous Dogs, and even now proposals for an AIDS Registry. These laws are similar in many ways to registry by Nazi laws that required Jews, homosexuals and other undesirables or seen threats to society to wear identifying marks on their clothing and carry special papers.

## **AWA TIER SYSTEM:**

The duration lengths of AWA Tier System does not acknowledge or provide properly for cases involving aging, infirmities, disabilities, hospitalization, mobility, handicaps, alzheimers, or other limiting factors that make it difficult or impossible for a person to maintain their registration. There needs to be an amendment to automatically allow a person to be dropped from requirements of registry if they are mentally, physically, or reach age 65 which limits or causes them to be unable to register or not a serious risk.

The AWA Tier System is based on what crime was committed or age of victim rather than the true risk assessment of recidivism of an individual. This results in persons that state sex offender programs have determined to be low risk being forced into life time registrations, costing states unneeded added expense and time.

## **BIG LEGISLATIVE HOAX: (Better to be a Murder than Sex Offender)**

I personally know multiple sex offenders who were approached on the prison yards repeatedly and told, "You know what your problem is, you let your victims live. Don't you know that it is better to be a murder than a sex offender!" Pointing out sex offenders have to register, restrictions on residency, restrictions on where they go, names listed on internet government web sites, work restrictions, & social outcasts while murders do not. Talking to various sex offenders verifying this truth, one told me his lawyer told him that it was better to be a murder than sex offender. If that does not scare you it should, as it does me. If message is on prison yards it is on the streets also.

So the very laws that legislatures claim are to protect people are in fact encouraging people to kill their victims. When laws are created they are usually to encourage one behavior and discourage another, in this case they encourage murder. They should rename the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety (Endangerment) Act, because that is what it does. As the message is spreading in the prison yards then you know it is also spreading on the streets too. They may claim the sex crime rates have decreased, but what about the total number of missing persons and murders across this country?

Around 94 to 96% of all sex crimes are committed by people **NOT** on the registry, so who are these registries protecting any way? All they do is provide a **FALSE SENSE OF PROTECTION**, while not really protecting anyone, a big legislative hoax.

In Spring 1998 UMKC Law Review (1998 Univ. Of Mo-Kc School of law) stated, "Much current legislation, such as registration, notification, and sexual predator law, are not based on research of criminal statistics or treatment of sex offenders, what has emerged is a series of hastily-drafted laws in response to public pressure emanating from a string of publicized sex crimes, such as that which occurred in New Jersey involving the death of Megan Kanka." That was years after first sex offender registration law was passed in New Jersey and we have had over two decades since then with no change in how things are done.

Time Magazine, May 21, 2018 "Inside Sex Offender Therapy" by Eliana Dockterman stated: "Punitive measure alone, however, have not been found to meaningfully increase community safety." "Recent research published by the American Public Health Association suggests that focusing on punishment rather than positive goals can actually increase the chance of recidivism." "...on national sex-offender recidivism, an overview of studies looking at the numbers in Connecticut, Alaska, Delaware, Iowa & S. Carolina found that the rate is about 3.5% for sex offenders." In 2018 Missouri reported sex offender recidivism rate at 2%.

Justice Gary Stein (in New Jersey - Artway v. Attorney General of New Jersey) wrote: "...humiliation and stigma were not simply parts of early punishment, but at times were the only element of punishment... public notice and public ostracism concerning prior sex offences appear to fall squarely within the parameters of punishment as practiced at the time of the adoption of the Constitution." Which clearly points out that registration is a punishment no matter what the legislators and courts say. And since it does not really protect anyone as they claim, then it is only punitive in nature not administrative.

## **CONCLUSION:**

BAN Sex Offender Registration and associated laws now, before countless others have to die because of politically correct legislators who are willing to turn registered constituents into second class citizens perpetuating a false sense of security while endangering the very people they claim to protect, just to get reelected. In this time of struggles and government short falls it seems a waste to put countless man hours and dollars into registries across this land when it all could be better spent on health care, education, and infrastructure.

Sex offender registrations are **One of the Biggest Legislative Hoaxes** of all time. Do the right thing and ban these horrendous laws based on bogus claims and falsehoods now.

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For more in depth studies see:

A Decade of Devastation: Ten Years of the Adam Walsh Act

<http://www.oncefallen.com/10yearsofawa.html>

The Budget Crisis and the Former Sex Offender

<http://www.oncefallen.com/budgetcrunch.html>

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<http://www.oncefallen.com/registriesrevisited.html>