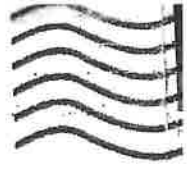


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I am writing to comment on the proposed rules of the federal Sex Offender Registry.

There is a strongly held conviction that a sex offender Cannot change and will eventually re-offend This is a Myth not factual.

The term "Sex-Offender" is a Stigmatizing Label that is defining a person by the mistakes They have made in the past. It disregards the persons humanity and it keeps them Locked in Shackles of the past without a chance of Redemption. It attempts to keep one in eternal Shame. Yes they have been convicted of a sexual offense , but they are decent, good Human beings who have Learned from their experiences, and many have made fundamental changes in their Lives.

Never Judge People by their past , People change, People move on..

Being on the registry brings more shame coming from all corners. For everyone having to endure the ramifications and stigma that comes from being on the registry is Traumatizing in and of itself. Please restore the sense of humanity We all need to experience.

MYTH-- All sex-offenders are bad people and want to harm others.

Fact--- Criminal Justice experts agree a person Leaving Prison has a much Higher success rate if there is family and a good support system in place. Persons with sex-offense Compulsions act out due to shame in many instances as the addiction cycle reaches the shame level. The tracking mechanisms put a person in crisis on housing, job seeking and retaining possibly preventing the family unit to stay together, and a general sense of self-worth. These are characteristics that can lead to Re-offending, Rather than protecting, The laws are putting the public at risk by minimizing the persons ability to gain a creditable life.

MYTH-- All sex-offenders are child molesters and all child molesters are predators.

Fact-- The FBI-UCR, National Crime Victimization survey reveals that only 23% of sex crimes are against someone under 18; and the bureau of justice statistics shows that Predators represent around 3% of all sex offenders and child killers are less than 1% of all offenders.

The fact is the Registry Hurts more than It helps, The Registry prevents people from Re-entry into a productive Life and instead of it makes people Homeless and Helpless, This is a fact.

Consider A Data Base that the FBI and other Law enforcement have access to instead of a National or international Registry .

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