

My Testimony:

I'm currently ordered to register every quarter as a Tier 3 offender. I was convicted in 1998 and sentenced to one year in the county jail, one year on electronic tethering and 3 years of probation, as well as a requirement to register for 25 years. 12 years into my required registry the law was changed from a 25 year registry term to lifetime registration. Let it be noted that I had no prior offenses or subsequent offenses since the said case in 1998. I also NEVER violated my terms of probation or requirement to register with the exception of when I was hospitalized in 2017 which caused a missed verification. I appeared before the court and the judge, seeing that I had medical issues going on dismissed the case with no repercussions. I made a poor decision at the time of the charge and over the past 21 years have shown that I am able to be a productive member of society with no threat to the public. Having been on the registry affected many areas of my life, such as, career changes, relationships with people (because of the stereotype attached to being a sex offender registrar), my children's (adult and minors attempt at explaining that their mother is still on a SOR for a crime committed nearly 25 years ago), my inability to go to the YMCA for any time if program they have to offer, and so much more. Again, I have not reoffended nor broken any other laws since my 1998 conviction. The 25 year mark set forth in my original sentence is coming up in a little under 3 years. I would like to look forward to moving on from this. Having the requirement change 12 years into my sentence, in my opinion, was unconstitutional. I would pray that my sentence requirement be returned to its original order. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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