

Dear Chairperson Filler,

My son was adjudicated for a sex offense when he was 14 years old. He fulfilled all the requirements of his adjudication. He was on probation, attended Sex offender classes, and did more hours of community service than was required. My son is now 29 years old. He has never reoffended. He has been working for the same company for the past 7 years or so, putting in 60 hours a week. He's a hard-working, intelligent, honest and dependable young man. I know my son, and he has shared many things with me through the years regarding the "label" he is required to live with. It has had a crippling effect on his life. It is hard to live in this world and move past your mistake when you know you must register at the police station every 3 months for the rest of your life. And the frustration he feels because he knows he has learned his lesson and would never repeat his action again. Why does he have to go through this registration process every 3 months and feel like a social outcast for the rest of his life? It really is too much to ask of a young man and a true detriment to his emotional development. Isn't 15 years of not repeating the offense proof enough that this is simply punishment and not rooted in scientific evidence?

This Bill should not be having a hearing when there is not adequate opportunity for the public to testify due to the Stay at Home order.

Also, this process needs to slow down, because the way it is written, it does not include changes to the Sex Offender Registry to remove juvenile offenders and persons with no criminal record.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this very important matter in the life of my son, as well as so many others caught up in laws that are punitive and make no sense.

Respectfully,

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