Michigan House Representatives: Please pardon the group email.

I think that, from my reading of the House Bill 5679, it is a 'bad' bill that does not address the many onerous problems with MISOR. I think that this bill needs to be allowed to die in the Judiciary Committee or at least be postponed until after the COVID crisis so that it can be properly debated with the parties concerned and effected. Discussions between the ACLU MICH and State Agencies were fruitful to establishing a more reasonable MISOR Law. I believe these discussions need be allowed to continue to a reasoned Law.

For myself it leaves a series of ex post facto punishments, likely unconstitutional, that were not in place when I initially took a plea.

A quick synopsis:

Since my misdemeanor plea conviction I have been on MISOR for over 18 years. Accusation rose during a divorce. My ex did try to have the charges dropped. It has dramatically effected, in the past, my ability to provide adequate support for my children, two of my children deny my existence due to their positions as teachers (I have heard their Mother says to tell people their father died in jail), I have lost several lucrative career opportunities, any position has become increasingly more difficult to obtain as ex post facto legislative changes have been put into law over the years, it is impossible to work even on a contract basis as each client must have their information entered into MISOR ...ever changing (Employers largely do not want their information on MISOR), I have been harassed out of a few jobs when viscous coworkers used my being on MISOR to advance their own position, I have been the victim of vigilantism on several occasion (seeming guns or large firecrackers being discharged in front of where I live...physical threats and so on), I have had to live in some housing conditions that were not conducive to health and wellbeing, Though I am thankful to have any lodging, MISOR greatly effects travel into other states as one has to Identify one' motel or hotel (again those establishments do not want their addresses on MISOR, I have been harassed in recreational gatherings by individuals who are just plain vindictive... likely covering for their own shortcomings, housing is increasingly difficult to find as apartment houses deny individuals on MISOR, Banks have denied loans seemingly after running a check, The restriction on Living, Working and Loitering within a School zone is prohibitive even if one could

determine where the boundaries lie as there are so many as (for example nearly the entire city of Lapeer and the business district and along M24 seems to be zoned out as are many other cities and towns), where can I go to Church as many have schools nearby, volunteering for Church activities or Political Activities may be impacted (Violates my First Amendment Rights) by MISOR (that greatly opens me for difficulties with the law, My health is impacted as I have had more than a few care givers refuse to give care, I have had other caregivers run background checks then go about telling their coworkers that I am on MISOR, as I age I note that adult communities as well as assisted living along with nursing homes refuse to allow individuals on MISOR, I have been hospitalized with a serious health condition where I had to insist to the doctors to release me so I would not run afoul of the 7 day address change laws. Were I to lose my small dingy apartment and become homeless it is unlikely I would last two weeks on the street due to my health.

I said I would be brief so I will end here.

When reading HB 5679 I found it to be an absolute morass.

I ask you to let this bill die in committee or to postpone it to a later date.

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