

May 26, 2020

Dear Chairperson Filler and Representatives,

I have written to you before voicing my objection to HB 5679. This bill is unconstitutional as written, fails to enhance public safety by not addressing individual risk of recidivism, is expensive, does not allow for reintegration into communities for individuals after completing their sentences, and intends to keep lifetime registration with no option for removal. I have now come to believe it also provides a hit list for those taking law into their own hands for attacks, vandalism and murder of people on the registry.

By publishing names, addresses, and personal details of registrants, the State of Michigan, along with the other States provides misguided individuals, hate groups and vigilantes with a list of easy targets for their attacks. This may not be the intent of the law or HB5679 but it is the result of a public registry.

The latest murder of a registrant occurred **May 16, 2020**. 64 year old Matteo Condoluci was shot outside his home in Nebraska. The man who shot him claims he was protecting children against a violent predator. Mr Condoluci was convicted in 2007, served prison time for his crime. The man who killed him sent emails to media announcing the killing of Condoluci. The accused said he was looking for a new house and found the victim's name on Nebraska's registry. He claims Condoluci was watching kids playing while pretending to wash his car. He never met the man he murdered nor did he report his suspicions to police. He just killed him. Apparently, this is not an isolated incident.

2016, a married couple went to the home of Charles Parker, a registrant in SC, and killed Mr. Parker and his wife (not a registrant). They told police they killed Parker because they found his name and address on the Sex Offender registry and his wife because she was there. Parker had completed his sentence for taking advantage of a disabled woman. The murderers (both convicted) told police about documents with the name and address of their next intended victim. They were part of a white supremacist group.

2012, Washington State, 2 men were killed for crimes committed 10 years earlier. One man was married with two children. Their killer told police he found their names and their details on the public registry.

2011, California one registrant was murdered, nearly de-capitated, and another brutally attacked after a man found their names on the California registry.

2006, Maine, two registrants were murdered by a man who found their names on the public registry and took a bus from Nova Scotia to kill them. One victim 24 yrs. old, served time four years prior and was on the public registry for having sex with his girlfriend several days before her 16th birthday.

2005, Washington State two registrants were murdered when a man disguised himself as an FBI agent telling them he was doing a check up to gain access to their apartment.

This is only a partial list of attacks. There are more murders and untold attacks against registrants. A public registry doesn't protect the community, police protect a community, none of these murderers contacted police prior to the killings. HB 5679 doesn't eliminate critical flaws with current law and provides "vigilantes" with a hit list! You can craft a better bill. Thank you. Cathryn Pawlusiak