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**INTERIM STUDY**

1. Study the efficiency and fairness of the current sexual offender registry system and make recommendations to improve the system, if necessary. Study the issue of compliance with the Adam Walsh Act, focusing on the associated costs to the state and the punishment of juveniles. Examine the risk assessment tools used to measure the likelihood of recidivism of sexual predators.

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BE HEARD!**

## **Short Emails to Senators**

### **Subject: "Sex Offender" Registry**

There are so many people on the Texas "Sex Offender" registry it's difficult for law enforcement to effectively monitor those who truly pose a threat. Please work to correct the injustices of current laws with meaningful, common sense reform.

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### **Subject: Sex Offender Laws**

Now is the time for serious consideration concerning current "sex offender" laws. I highly request your participation in recognizing the unintended consequences of broad-sweeping laws that are not providing additional safety to communities or children. Emotionally reactive legislation based on fear and anger rather than common sense are not effective tools for public safety. Thank you for your consideration.

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### **Subject: Texas Sex Offender Registry**

A very large number of people listed on the Texas Sex offender registry have never touched or raped anyone. Please consider working for productive solutions to an over-blown, inaccurate, and far-reaching "sex offender" registry.

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### **Subject: Enough is enough**

There are over 60,000 people listed on the Texas Sex offender registry. Texas is adding approximately 100 people every single week. When will enough be enough? Please consider future legislation that will differentiate between those who are truly dangerous and those who are not. Laws that treat all "sex offenders" the same waste lives and resources. Change is necessary in order to keep communities safe.

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### **Subject: SEX OFFENDER?**

During the forthcoming interim study, please consider this fact: There are thousands of people in Texas who would be designated as sex offenders if the truth about their youth were known. Furthermore, current laws would have labeled many of our grandfathers "sex offender" for relationships with our grandmothers. Think about it.

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### **Subject: Juvenile "sex offenders"**

I am in favor of "protecting the children". Please promote legislation designed to remove "children" from the registry!

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### **Subject: Juvenile's on the public registry**

Please consider removing the faces and personal information of CHILDREN from the public Texas Sex Offender Registry. Your child, niece, nephew, or grandchild could be next. If we are to "protect the children", we must protect all of them!

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### **Subject: Adam Walsh Act**

Just say "NO" to the Adam Walsh Act. The AWA requirements apply to all who are required to register without regard to their threat to public safety. Overblown, over inclusive registries have financially and emotionally devastated entire families. Please help stop the hysteria and work towards common sense solutions. Thank you for your time.

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**INTERIM STUDY SAMPLE LETTER**

July, 2010

Dear Senator .....,

Most if not all American citizens are asking, "Is my representative a public servant, or is he/she SELF-serving?" If you (or your staff member reading this E-mail) are in Austin to serve the public, then I think you will take the time to read and consider my words.

Anyone who suggests that sex offender laws need reform might be called "soft on crime" or "pedophile lovers" by the ignorant or those profiting (either professionally or monetarily) from the sex offender industry. However, this does not excuse a true public servant from doing the right thing. It is each legislator's responsibility to educate the public by telling them the truth. The majority of those red dots on a community map do not represent dangerous sex offenders, much less pedophiles and rapists.

Individuals who have committed seriously dangerous or violent offenses, and pose the greatest risk of reoffending, should receive stiff sentences, and, when/if they are released, should be closely restricted and monitored. However, this is a difficult task for law enforcement because of the bloated sex offender registry. Too many of those on the registry never touched a child or forced a woman. Yet they face the same restrictions and policing as pedophiles and rapists. No wonder horrific crimes, such as keeping a sex slave for 18 years or killing and burying women all over a property, go unnoticed. Law enforcement is too busy monitoring those teens or young adults who consensually touched or chatted with a slightly too young teen or committed some other low level "offense."

What is happening to tens of thousands of such "sex offenders" and their families in our great state is nonsensical and unnecessarily cruel. They cannot find employment or often even a place to live. They are isolated from society, even family and friends, because they cannot be in proximity to anyone under the age of 18. Often they are not allowed to raise or even see their own children. The justice system treats them as if they molested a little child. They live in constant fear of prison because any small violation of the all but impossible restrictions can cause revocation of probation. Is this really necessary when the victim was a willing but slightly underage teen or when there was no victim at all? How does our society benefit from ruining the lives of these young people? Please objectively study this issue and then you tell me.

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**Subject: Sex Offender Issues-Interim Study**

**Dear Senator .....,**

**Each time the television news tells a heart-breaking story of a young girl who was raped and murdered, the entire nation mourns for her and for those who loved her. At the same time, thousands of people who are required to register on the Texas sex offender registry await the passing of another new, feel-good law. A law created in anger and fear. A law which creates more restrictions and conditions for over 60,000 registered Texas sex offenders, many of whom pose no threat to anyone.**

**Broad sweeping laws which label thousands of people "sex offender" are not keeping anyone safer. The current system is broken. Maybe the time for change has come.**

**Tax dollars and resources are wasted prosecuting, incarcerating, and monitoring hundreds, possibly thousands, who committed the sort of acts no reasonable person would consider violent or heinous. It is time for sensible reform in which we intensify our oversight of the dangerous and allow the rest of the people to move on with their lives.**

**With Respect,**