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Written Testimony on HB5679

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Representative Filler:

Members of the State Judiciary Committee:

I was sentence on MCL 750.520G1. At that time, the Judges sentenced me to one year in jail, (5) five years' probation, and ordered counseling.

I did the time and started counseling. The group was called "Parents United". I remained in counseling and became a mentor to new members of the group for three years. I met my current wife there. She was a victim of abuse when she was a child.

We lost our house because I was unable to maintain work. We moved to Toledo where the requirements of a "Sex Offended were much different. I was only required to verify my address once a year.

My wife found a job in Roscommon as a Paraprofessional working for the C.O.O.R. ISD in 2005. She was working, and I was not, so we moved to the family cabin. I did everything required of me to make the move to Northern Michigan. New picture, fingerprints, and all other information required. My picture again appeared on the MSP SORA website. In 2010 her car broke down and was in the shop, so I took my wife to her job for the week. Next thing she knows, she is being questioned by the police. Some had seen my picture on the website and called the Sherriff about me being too close to the school. I was advised to let her drive the truck and stay home. I had been sentenced 18 years before. I volunteer for the Michigan Firemen's Memorial Festival Committee in Roscommon. I was helping put boats and travel trailers away for the winter when someone reported me. The state police came and arrested me at my home. I did not list MFMFC as a place of employment. It cost me \$1400.00 for an attorney to have the prosecutor dismiss the charges.

I got pneumonia in 2017, spent 10 days in the hospital. I was extremely ill, and the doctors told my wife to get my affairs in order. I needed to go somewhere for rehabilitation. The closest place for Rehabilitation was almost 100 miles away. Closer places would not let me in because of my offense.

I retired in 2008 on SSDA. I have been on the SOR for 28 years and still live with consequences. I would like the bill to include a way to get off the registry. I cannot do anything that I did 28 years ago, but yet I am treated like I will.

Please reconsider HB5679.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

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