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Re: Registered Sex Offenders Living Next Door

Dear Honorable Senate Committee:

I am Maria Mendiola de Juarez. I am fifty-two years of age. I live on Ramona Lane. My husband and I moved to Corvallis in 1991 to go to college. I have been living in Oregon for the past twenty-five years. I am a citizen of the United States.

The "group home" that houses three registered sex offenders next door to my house is destroying our lives. I am scared all of the time. My doctor told me I should take medication for my high blood pressure caused by my agony and the stress that is affecting everyone in my family.

I have three children and I home school one of them, which is physically disabled, for this reason we spend most of our time at home. Now with the sex offenders next door he and I are suffering emotionally and psychologically.

When the sex offenders first moved in nobody told us who they were. I went next door with my five-year-old son to welcome them. They quickly turned me away without any explanation saying only that they were a group home for men. I was horrified when the sheriff came to my home a couple of weeks later to tell us how dangerous the men next door were.


When my 18 years old son was 4, a rapist that broke into my apartment attacked me. My son was present when I was attacked. Now that there are extremely dangerous sex offenders next door we live under fear every minute of our lives. Now I am having flashbacks. I have scissors under my pillow just to feel safer.

I can't function anymore. Even though it has been two years since the sex offenders moved in, we still cannot sleep - especially me since my husband works at night. My children can't play in our yard - we are in plain view of three sex offenders.

Some of my neighbors have lost hope and others are trying to move away except that they cannot sell their homes. We seek professional psychological help.

How can it be legal to house three registered sex offenders in this family neighborhood? Please, Help us.

Respectfully,


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