

Chair, Members of the Committee:

I urge your support for SB 357, which removes entering or remaining unlawfully in or on public transit vehicle or public transit station as manner of committing crime of interfering with public transportation.

This crime had a serious, negative impact on my grandnephew. It was counted as a crime that placed him in the category of a medium risk sex offender when he was 20 years old. His sex offense was having consensual sex with a teenager who lied about her age. There is no defense to that once the sex is admitted.

The end result is that he is a level 2 sex offender and cannot seek removal from the sex offender registry until he is 40 years old. As you must know, there are numerous disabilities that prevent him from leading a full and useful life and providing support for his family.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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