

March 4, 2025

To the Senate Committee Members,

Re: Testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 821, Removes the deadline by which the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision is required to assess existing sex offender registrants into a risk level.

I am the mother of three school-aged children, and a Happy Valley resident. I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 821.

In our community, we currently have a registered, but unclassified Level 3 sex offender. Through my research of learning why after a decade this person has not been classified it has become clear that the 20,000 person backlog from two years ago has barely decreased. Removing the deadline for classification is not the answer. We need to protect our kids and communities and do all that can be done to classify these dangerous people as quickly as possible. Removing the deadline will only increase the time it takes to get people classified.

The safety of our children should be the top priority here, not easing the burden of classification. Ensuring all sex offenders are classified will help to protect our kids.

I urge you to vote no on Senate Bill 820 and Senate Bill 821. Instead, please quickly approve Senate Bill 1068 which will help the problem from continuing to get worse by carrying over offender classifications from other states.

Please continue to diligently work to address the issue of the classification backlog and do all that you can to ensure our children can grow up in safe environments.

Respectfully,
Gwen Tomac
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