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On Behalf Of:
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Dear Members of the Senate,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 821, which proposes to eliminate the requirement for the timely registration of sex offenders. As a concerned citizen, I believe that this bill poses a significant threat to public safety and undermines our commitment to protecting vulnerable populations.

Time is of the essence when it comes to managing the risks posed by offenders. Research consistently shows that swift action and timely registration are crucial in preventing further crimes and in ensuring that communities are informed about potential threats. Delays in registration can lead to increased recidivism rates and put our families, especially our children, at greater risk.

Furthermore, the timely registration of sex offenders is not just a bureaucratic formality; it is a vital tool for law enforcement agencies to monitor offenders and keep our communities safe. By allowing for leniency in registration timelines, we are essentially compromising the safety of our neighborhoods and sending a message that accountability is not a priority.

In light of these concerns, I urge each member of the Senate to reconsider the implications of Senate Bill 821. Our collective responsibility is to protect our communities and ensure justice for victims, and this bill undermines that commitment. We must stand firm in our resolve to prioritize public safety over convenience.

Thank you for considering my testimony.