

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

To all members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to ask you to support HB5812, An ACT CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION AND SUPERVISION OF SEXUAL OFFENDERS.

As I know you have many letters to review in a short period of time, I will be brief and to the point. Sexual assault is one of the most heinous crimes that can be committed, especially when the victim is a child. It is far too easy for sexual offenders to slip through the cracks in our current tracking system. The changes suggested in HB5812 would strengthen the supervision of offenders by increasing the number of probation and parole officers and updating the offender information web site.

HB5812 also asks for much needed funding to support Multidisciplinary Teams and Children's Advocacy Centers. These community resources work collaboratively to minimize victim trauma and ensure the prompt investigation of alleged child sexual abuse. They make it safer and easier for child victims and their families to endure the process from disclosure to prosecution.

Your support for HB5812 will help to ensure the cracks in our complicated system are filled.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra Ramsey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

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