

Dear Representatives and Members of the Legislature;

I present to you again my earnest request to pass the bill that can change the laws regarding voyeuristic predators; further protecting the citizens of Connecticut; most specifically women and children.

You may remember me from last year, and the frightening and life changing experience I shared with you. My son's father had secretly taped me in private moments, then in an act of revenge over the dissolution of our relationship, broadcast those images on the internet. He duplicated those videos on V.H.S. tapes and sent them to several states. When that proved profitable he set up an elaborate surveillance system in a guest room, ( formerly our son's bedroom ), and in the bathroom. He advertised for female room mates. His ruse was he needed the money to pay bills. These women did not know they were being filmed in their room, that the clock radio hid a camera and that they were being watched in the bathroom. They did not know the shed was used to store the vcr's that duplicated their images.

When he was finally caught the State Police found images of children in various situations. He had expanded his operation to include children. This person is serving only 3 years for voyeurism and child pornography.

People like him cannot be rehabilitated. Upon sentencing, the judge expressed that he wished he could make this man register as a sex offender, because he was concerned that after being released he would revert to his criminally deviant activity and be even more dangerous. At the time there was no statute to support his wishes to properly punish and sentence such a crime.

I stand here as a survivor of this crime. I refuse to let my trauma control me. However, I feel naked in front of you. I have had my sense of dignity and security assaulted and I no longer feel safe. I worry that it could happen again. I worry that I will be recognized or that my identity has been revealed to one or more of the persons he sent my pictures to. I want to change the outcome of his sentencing. I want to make the future safer for myself and other women and

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children. I believe that the person who did this will continue his deviant behavior once he is released. He, and so many like him, are a very real threat to the physical safety of the most vulnerable citizens. I fervently ask that voyeurism be considered a sex crime and that voyeurs be required to register as sex offenders once convicted and /or released. I ask that voyeurism be given a heavier sentencing, to be weighted with the same consideration as an assault crime.

Please give our judges the power to properly punish and sentence deviant criminals. It will be a victory for the women, children and present victims of Connecticut; and hopefully other states will rise to the fight against predators.

Thank you,

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