
Can we stop harming innocent family members with a public sex offense registry?

Nearly 100,000 Texas citizens are listed on the public registry; their family members suffer as well.

Children and spouses of a registered person suffer:

- difficulties with housing
- economic hardships
- isolation
- fear
- depression
- harassment
- bullying
- embarrassment
- loss of friends
- stress
- anger
- suicidal ideation

Registries actually do nothing to prevent sex offenses, making them an enormous waste of taxpayer resources. Innocent family members are being harmed by a public registry that fails to fulfill its intention to provide for public safety. Texas must do better!

SOURCES: texasvoices.org/study-sources

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TVRJ advocates for **common sense, research based laws** and policies through education, legislation, litigation, and **support for persons required to register** for sex related offenses as well as for **members of their families**.

We Believe:

- **No sexual abuse is ever acceptable.**
- Sex offense **laws and policies** should be based on sound research and **common sense, not panic or paranoia.**
- Current laws and policies that **paint all sex offenses with one broad brush** are **counter-productive, wasteful, and cause needless harm.**
- Each offense must be judged on its own merits with a **punishment that fits the crime and does not waste taxpayer dollars.**
- The public sex offense registry and housing **banishment laws do not protect children** but instead, **ostracize and dehumanize entire families.**
- **Money spent** on purely punitive measures **would be better used for prevention, healing, and rehabilitation.**

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