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

Texas Voices for Reason and Justice is a statewide, non-profit, volunteer organization devoted to promoting a more balanced, effective, and rational criminal justice system.
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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