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I Fully Support this Legislation. We MEED to Protect Our Children to the Fullest!



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The reason we are here today is because of a man named Shane Steck. Last summer, he was found to be exposing himself to children at a local park. A park that, he was quick to point out, he was allowed to be at. Even though he is a sex offender, only certain sex offenders aren't allowed near parks, pools, or schools. Mr. Steck is from Cape Girardeau. He was convicted of possessing child pornography in 2005. He successfully completed probation but not long afterward was caught filming a 14-year-old female family member through her bedroom window as she undressed. There are other similar accusations from an out-of-state family reunion. After his latest brushes with the law, he moved to Jefferson City and started going professionally by Shane Robert. In case you're wondering, his profession is that he's a magician. Just a few weeks before he was arrested on the charges for which he's currently in prison, Mr. Steck was performing at a local high school's project graduation. He held a contest for which the prize was a private in-home magic show. All of the finalists were 17-18 year old girls. Prior to becoming Cole County Prosecutor, I worked in the Sexually Violent Predator Unit of the Missouri Attorney General's Office. Those are the worst of the worst offenders we see. By comparison, Shane Steck's crimes aren't nearly as severe as what these men and women have done. But the similarities are striking. He's a narcissist, a manipulator, he's sophisticated, he uses his profession to gain access to children, he's been found in possession of child pornography, and he used an existing loophole in the law to create more victims. Possession of child pornography is often just the tip of the iceberg, and it's far more common than we want to believe. And until this law is fixed, children are going to be at greater risk of becoming victims.



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I just want to say that although I don't condone the behavior of someone who committed a sexual offense, I don't support a bill that adds blanket restrictions to all offenders such as this. There should be an individual assessment made by a judge as to which additional punishments are applied to whom (and how long). I believe that viewing child porn is a tier 1 offense in Missouri. This means that after 10 clean years, the individual can be removed from the registry. Yet this bill would still retain the restrictions despite no longer being registered? Along with that is the fact that many registrants are also parents. Why is there not an allowance for a parent to supervise their own children if performing parental responsibilities in those areas? It seems that a bill like this would alienate parents and that would cause harm to their own children. Once again, I think that a judge could discern whether to apply this type of penalty if it were needed for the individual and I ask that that wording be amended. Aside from the practical issues of applying this this law to "real families" and penalizing the children of offenders, I also question the broad application of proximity restrictions on those that have committed a sexual offense. This type of law has two assumptions: there is a high recidivism rate for those already convicted of a sex offense, and proximity restrictions are an effective way to reduce sex crimes. The only problem is that neither of those ideas are actually true. Neither are supported by studies on this topic. Recidivism rates among sexual offenders are very low (<5%) and residency restrictions do not impact recidivism at all. This is all according to the DOJ's report on this topic. I'd be happy to procure existing studies for the committee to review.



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I don't believe that adding this condition will improve or change any safety measures that may be claimed that are not already in place. This is an unnecessary expansion of rules.