

Dear Honorable Committee members,

I have been on the Sex Offender Registry since 2003 after pleading Nolo Contendere on the advice of my attorney to two counts of CSC IV, and one Count of Accosting a Minor for immoral purposes. I served 60 days in the Work Release program at Oakland County Jail and completed 3 years of probation. In the subsequent years I made sweeping changes to my life, with the help of counselling, my dear wife of 40 years, and my three daughters, all now grown and successful. I quit drinking alcohol for seven years, attended and hosted AA meetings and became very active in my church.

I have now been on the registry for 17 years, and have lost jobs, and had a very hard time securing employment. During the Great Recession, I was out of work for nearly three years. I live in constant fear that my friends and extended family, as well as employers and professional relations will see my Scarlet Letter. In 2011, with the stroke of a pen and with no legal recourse, another 5 years was added to my original 20 year sentence on the registry and was required to supply all sorts of private information and pay an annual fine of \$50.

By the grace of God I have been able to remain solvent, and I am now getting ready to retire at age 62. However, I find myself in the untenable position where I cannot move to the home we purchased in Florida, because with Michigan's ex post facto application of the Tier system. I am a Tier two offender, because I had multiple victims (2) even though my crimes are quite minor in nature: unwanted touching over the clothes (CSC IV) and speaking words with my mouth (Accosting a Minor). As such, Florida's even more draconian SOR would make me a lifetime registrant. I cannot abide by this and so am forced to remain living in Michigan.

For these reasons I oppose HB 5679, which does nothing to remove the unconstitutional provisions of Michigan's SOR, and creates a mish-mosh of rules that will be difficult if not impossible to enforce. If passed, I can guarantee that I will use every resource at my disposal to litigate relief. I am certain I will not be alone.

Respectfully Yours,

Roy Carl Burmeister.