

## Melissa Sweet

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**From:** Home <bjppeters@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 10:01 PM  
**To:** Melissa Sweet  
**Subject:** Sex offender list

My son was just added to the list for 25 years. He's 20 years old and has never been in trouble before. He was with a 15 year old girl when he was 19. When her parents found out his age they pressed charges. He's served his jail time and will have 4 more years of probation, not to mention a felony forever. This sentence plus 25 years on the list is very steep. He really is an amazing young man who doesn't deserve to have this hanging over his head until he's 45...or longer. The girl changed her story several times, possibly so she wouldn't be in trouble with her parents. This law is very unfair. Please consider a change to give individuals like my son a chance.

Thank you,  
Jackie Peters

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Anderson Family <anderson329@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2020 11:39 AM  
**To:** Melissa Sweet; Rep. Graham Filler (District 93); Rep. Brian Elder (District 96); Rep. Beau LaFave (District 108); Rep. David LaGrand (District 75); Rep. Douglas Wozniak (District 36); Rep. Daire Rendon (District 103); Rep. Douglas Wozniak (District 36)  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 5679 due to budget shortfalls to come

Dear House Representative,

As budget time nears, please correct HB 5679 to be cost effective. MSP should be able to concentrate on the NON-compliant offenders. With over 44,000 registered sex offenders all grouped into one category, the compliant, without ANY violations, should have restrictions relaxed.

Juvenile offenders could cost the State of Michigan for 60 years of enforcement. They are sentenced as adults even though their brains aren't fully developing in behavior lobes. How many school books could be bought with the millions squandered on a system that DOES NOT WORK!!

As a State, Michigan is in economic duress. Do the simple accounting, the income doesn't balance with the expenses. We our roads repaired to assure the income from tourism. Education is our future in Michigan, please cut SORA costs instead of upwards of 25% cuts in Education. The next generation is counting on your good judgment.

Thank you,  
Cynthia A. Anderson

Sent from my iPhone

**Melissa Sweet**

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**From:** Hello <motownoldes@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 9:35 PM  
**To:** Melissa Sweet  
**Subject:** HOUSE BILL 5679 VOTE NO ! JUST ANOTHER UNCONSTITUTIONAL LAW !

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UNCONSTITUTIONAL LAW !

MY TESTIMONY !

WE WILL ORGANIZE A STATE CAPITAL PROTEST ON THE  
CAPITAL STEPS !

VOTE THIS BILL DOWN ! VERY BAD POLITICS ! Please  
Postpone 5679 let the courts rulings stand , This bill does nothing  
too protect or prevent crime, Life time or Retroactive Punishment is  
Never Excepted, Please ! DO NOT SUPPORT !

A Concerned Michigan Voter !

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**From:** Marjory Weldon <weldo1mj@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020 11:22 AM  
**To:** Melissa Sweet  
**Cc:** Rep. Lee Chatfield (District 107); Rep. Graham Filler (District 93); Rep. Beau LaFave (District 108); Rep. Diana Farrington (District 30); Rep. Gary Howell (District 82); Rep. Steven Johnson (District 72); Rep. Daire Rendon (District 103); Rep. Ryan Berman (District 39); Rep. Douglas Wozniak (District 36); Rep. Vanessa Guerra (District 95); Rep. Brian Elder (District 96); Rep. David LaGrand (District 75)  
**Subject:** HB5679

I would like to express my extreme opposition to HB5679. Many criminal justice experts have testified before your committee and evidence shows that registries don't work in terms of keeping citizens safer. I am a part of The Committee to End the New Jim Crow as well as The Michigan Collaboration to End Mass Incarceration.

Peace,  
Marge Weldon  
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Perrinton, MI 48871

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**From:** Beth Beattie <raisin3bbg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 6:00 PM  
**To:** Melissa Sweet

I am opposed to HB 5679

It does not address the concerns of the court and is not evidence based reform.

Please listen to the voters of MI

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**From:** Matt Piechocki <piechockiart@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:51 PM  
**To:** Melissa Sweet  
**Subject:** HB 5679

Good evening.

I'm writing in regards to HB 5679, as a person who has been on this Registry for 20 years I've seen it change for the worse many times and I've seen the harm it does to Family and lives in general. I still believe in the system of law in this country as I was taught by my Grandparents that if you something wrong, you admit your wrong doing and take your punishment, and then after your debt to society has been paid, you go back to your life having learned from those past mistakes and you do better as a person in society as you have been rehabilitated.

HB 5679 is not based on any science to promote public safety, in fact HB 5679 has been proven by data and science to promote harm to the public and provides no benefit.

I oppose HB 5679 being discussed while during a global pandemic where we, the public are on lockdown and cannot be in court to participate in such an important matter.

I urge you to please, vote "NO" on HB 5679.

Families are being torn apart by this pandemic and while we are all doing our part, we should also all do our part and make sure that going forward that the law is just and constitutionally lawful and give those that have paid their debt to society and are living clean lives a chance at redemption instead of more punishment that in the end will destroy more lives and families then it protects or saves.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Matthew F. Piechocki.

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**From:** Paul <prcagle@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 8:44 PM  
**To:** Melissa Sweet  
**Subject:** HB 5679

Melissa, can you please post this for open testimony at the judiciary meet tomorrow for HB 5679

I completely oppose HB 5679. It has been deemed unconstitutional. It only changes a few words from the current registry that Judge Cleland deemed unconstitutional.

Please remove HB 5679 immediately it has been hastily put together to try to usurp Judge Cleland's recent order. HB 5679 is not based on data or evidence in the science. HB 5679 only harms the public and does nothing for safety.

HB 5679 is being discussed under the cover and during the pandemic excluding citizens from participation and this needs to be stopped now.

HB 5679 has been declared "fake" science, it is meant to punish one class of people only, people that paid their debt and was never sentenced to the registry. I was denied due process and was added to the registry ex post facto. If this were real science, then everyone who made a mistake would be placed on a list to include anyone who had DUI, shoplifted, or any other crime.

HB 5679 not only gives people a false sense of security, it keeps Michigan unsafe, it hurts the Michigan economy, and it doesn't provide real safety.

Sincerely,

Paul Cagle

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**From:** nancy vogrin <nancy.vogrin@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020 10:05 AM  
**To:** Melissa Sweet  
**Subject:** OPPOSE HB 5679 in current form

Good morning,

I write again about the injustice in this bill and seek your help in changing the law to do a better job of focusing efforts on those most likely to reoffend. This would allow the police to do a better job of focusing, as well, and citizens would be overall better protected. Police have to spend too much time monitoring people who are at a very low risk of reoffending, as you have seen in the many studies done on this matter. Does it not make sense, then, to change the focus of the law? There are much better ways to identify a true risk to society (evidence based) as well as the length of time one remains on the list. Please, do the right thing here! Be SMART on crime.

Changing the law to discontinue penalizing those at very low risk by removing them or shortening duration on the list **does not** mean that those who have been victimized are any less significant. Victims deserve all assistance we are able to provide to them. At the same time, it is unjust to continue to keep those who would not reoffend on a list of 'lepers' to society where they cannot find employment or contribute to society in any meaningful way.

Please use the data presented during these hearings to revise the law.

Thank you,  
Nancy Vogrin

Sent from Mail for Windows 10



I am proud of who I am. I am a proud, decorated, (including 2 Purple Hearts) Vietnam Veteran. I am proud to be an American, even today, despite the justice system.

Upon my death, I am to be buried at great Lakes National cemetery in Holy Michigan, with full military honors, as were some of my other veteran friends.

I do not want to disgrace my service, my friends or my country by having one mistake hanging over my head.

I would like to try to get off the sex offender list entirely, but if that is not possible, at least not have to report to the police department 4 times per year, because I made a mistake in judgment or was not thinking correctly at an instant in my life.

This is my crime in a nut shell. If you want more information, police interviews, etc. I have it in writing from the court system. I will share it with you if you want.

I got addicted to internet porn. As with any addiction, it got worse and worse. In July 2009, at my home, in the pool, I touched my 10 year old grand daughter inappropriately. I touched her vagina 3 to 5 times over a one to two minute period, not inside her swimming suit, but on the outside. I made no attempt to do anything else. This started my downfall of life. The Child Protective Service people got involved, then the court system, the trial, then the sentencing. I pleaded guilty to avoid having to bring my grand daughter in to the court room and further hurt her. I knew that I made a mistake as soon as I did what I did. It seemed to me at the time that I may have had an out of body experience. I knew what happened, but I could not believe that I was the one that did it. I know it sounds like an excuse, but it is the truth. I have been seeing my psychologist (also a Vietnam veteran) for 6 years, finding out why I would do something like I did. I have found out that I do have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Just like thousands of other veterans that didn't know they had it. I thought that I would never have it. I found out that your mind blocks out events that are just too many and too traumatic for the mind to focus on. I was in combat and had the same kind of out of body experiences. That is what your mind does, when it can't handle all the stress it has to handle. At the time of my crime I had been having a very stressful time with my now ex wife and my employer.

This is why I do not think the punishment I received fits my crime.

Please let me know if there is anything that can be done or any support you need.

Sincerely

Stanley William Miller  
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June 25, 2015

To Whom it may concern:

I recently read a newspaper article in the Detroit Free Press dated April 7, 2015. It stated that a federal judge (U.S. District Judge) Robert Cleland struck down several reporting requirements of the 1994 Michigan Sex Offender Registry law that made it more strict. I recently read another dated May 17, 2015, entitled: "Does the sex offender registry/keep us safer?"

I agree with a comment that was made saying "that this law is not keeping us safe and that we should base it on facts, not fear." Parts of this law are a true waste of tax payer money, I believe.

Being an offender, I have always thought that my punishment did not fit my crime and that I was just put in the same category as other offenders that had committed worse crimes.

I am classified as a Tier 3 offender, which includes many different levels of crimes, and I am on a public list to be seen by anyone. Please see the include attachment Tier 3 offenders must report to their police department once every 3 months to reregister their information on housing, phone numbers, internet, vehicles, etc. for life. It seems to me that some Tier 1 and 2 offenders have committed worse crimes than I have, are on a non-public list, and they must register only once or twice per year and for a short period of years.

I believe that there needs to be another category for offenders that are not habitual or criminally motivated. It has been proven that I am not dangerous or going to reoffend.

I am 69 years old and committed my crime 6 years ago when I was 63 years old. I have just completed my probation period and once per month reporting day, without a miss on my reporting times and dates. I have had no police contact for infractions or violated my probation ever. I have been and will continue to report to the White Lake Police department to register for the rest of my life, which seems cruel and unfair. I receive my crime each time I go there. I am already humiliated enough by having my family turn against me. I was grandpa to 6 wonderful kids. I lost them, my wife, my self esteem, my dignity and the nice life I once had. That seems like enough punishment for my crime.

I have done all the work that I can do to understand what happened to me. I completed the court ordered one year Community Programs Psychological program and at the same time was and am still seeing my own psychologist. I have been rehabilitated. My self esteem has been 75% restored. (I was close to suicide).

I am an outstanding, very honorable law abiding citizen, I always vote, have never been in prison, have never been in trouble with the law, do not have a previous record and always try to obey the laws of our country. I have worked for the same company for 42 years.

I served my country in Vietnam in 1967 - 1968 in the U.S. Army Combat Infantry. Now I am considered a Felon, instead of a Hero. It just does not make sense. I am proud of my accomplishments. I should not be made to feel like a second class citizen.

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**From:** Jeff Wise <jeffery.david.wise@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:08 PM  
**To:** Melissa Sweet

I oppose HB 5 6 7 9