Dear Journalist,

The Federal Government recommends that all states develop a Sex Offender Management Board to recommend evidence-based policies to be implemented by the state. These SOMBs should have members from law enforcement, department of corrections, victims’ services, prosecutors and defense attorneys, therapists, and an expert with a clinical background specializing in sex offender assessment and treatment, along with other groups being represented. Some states have formed a SOMB, but many have not. Even for a state that has delegated such duties to a SOMB, the states often do not abide by the SOMB’s recommendations.

Florida has refused to form a SOMB.

The state of Illinois has established such a SOMB. I have enclosed some excerpts from their Task Force Final Report from December of 2017.

Sincerely,