TO THE GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA RICK SCOTT State of Florida The Capitol 400 S. Monroe St. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

From: Concerned Citizens

Re: Clean Up the Florida Sex Offender Registry

Dear Governor Rick Scott,

As of September 12, 2016 there were sixty-nine thousand eight hundred ninety-four (69,893) individuals¹ listed on the Florida Sex Offender Registry. Of those on the registry, less than half are actually in Florida communities.

The intent of the public notification element of the Registry is to inform those in the community of the presence of sexual offenders/predators. The fact that less than half of the names listed on the registry are actually residing in Florida communities, undermines this purpose.

Of the sixty-nine thousand names, dots on a map and images on flyers, over eighteen thousand (18,000) are presently confined or civilly committed and, as such, are not free in the community. Approximately twenty-two thousand (22,000) live outside the state of Florida, but registered here because they once lived or visited and as a result remain publicly listed here for life. Over eleven hundred individuals listed on the registry are deceased!

Additionally, there are over one thousand individuals over the age of eighty (80) on the registry and more than thirty-six hundred additional over the age of seventy (70). With Florida requiring those convicted of a sexual offense, regardless of the severity or how long ago, to remain on the public registry for life, the proportion of those who are publicly registered but present no risk to the community will only grow exponentially over time.

¹ Source: http://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/publicDataFile.do

As concerned citizens, we ask that you clean up the Florida Sex Offender Registry by removing individuals who are not actually present in the community or who, as a result of age or infirmity, no longer present a danger to those in our community.

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