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CBS4
Attn: Jim DeFede
8900 NW 18th Terrace
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RE: RON BOOK'S APPEARANCE ON 'FACING SOUTH FLORIDA'

Dear Mr. DeFede:

I am President of The Florida Action Committee, Inc. FAC is a not-for-profit public safety organization that advocates for laws based on empirical evidence as they relate to the registration and management of Sex Offenders. We stand strongly in opposition of sexual offending, but stand equally opposed to irrational "feel good" legislation that only serves to punish an entire population of individuals without public benefit.

For years we have stood across from Lobbyist Ron Book opposing sex offender residency restrictions (SORRs). We have battled him in the media, we have provided opposing testimony in front of legislators and we have spent too much of our meager resources circulating actual studies to debunk the lies he has been spewing for years.

The fact is; The Lauren Book Child Safety Act, does more harm than good. It serves to destabilize a population (where housing instability is a trigger for re-offense), it makes it impossible for registrants to re-integrate into society and worst of all, forcing people to sleep 2500 feet from a school from night until dawn (when schools are closed anyhow) does not even rationally relate to the goal the ordinance was trying to achieve! What the Miami-Dade SORR did, was create homeless encampments (such as the ones at Julia Tuttle, Shorecrest, River Park and the Railroad Tracks) that *caused* public health and safety issues.

Mr. Book's appearance on 'Facing South Florida' this past Sunday did more to bring this issue to light than we have been successful in doing for years. You were prepared, armed with studies and facts, you were informed on the issues and you faced down the most "powerful" lobbyist in Florida, calling him out on the dangerous lies that have led our County down a costly and dangerous path.

We are greatly appreciative of you taking on this difficult and unpopular issue, but mostly your journalistic integrity in presenting the facts, rather than perpetuating the myths that other stations and other reporters have done for years.

The closure of the encampment along the tracks by no means ends this tragic story. As attorneys for Legal Services/ACLU cautioned, new clusters will begin popping up elsewhere and, in fact, a new encampment is forming along State Road 112 already.

It is our hope that you will continue to cover this important story and be the journalist to help bring an end this tragic situation.

Sincerely,

s/

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