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Board of County Commissioners  
Miami-Dade County  
Stephen P. Clark Government Center  
111 NW 1st Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Commission Chambers  
Miami, Florida 33128

SENT VIA EMAIL

**RE: DOES v. MIAMI-DADE**

Dear Commissioners:

I feel compelled to write, after watching the “performance” of your Homeless Trust Chairperson, Ron Book, last night on CBS 4 News.

The intense hatred Ron Book has for people who are registered as sex offenders is obvious. The fact that he is the very person you entrust to “help” these people is mind-boggling! It’s tantamount to assigning Hitler to assist the County’s Jewish population.

My organization had written to you in January concerning your consideration of the “Bovo Amendment” (ord. 21-286). In that letter, I wrote, “[d]o not allow a man who has such a strong personal bias against this class of individuals to continue to steer this ship.”

Here we are, five months later, and the encampment still exists with no viable solution, approximately six (6) people were placed by the Homeless Trust (out of 270), property owners in two communities are protesting and the County has been sued. It appears your captain has steered this ship into an iceberg.

Whether tomorrow’s injunction hearing is won or lost, and whether these human beings can keep their tents along the railroad tracks or will have to sleep on cardboard along Krome Avenue, this problem won’t be solved soon and will only continue to get worse, as it has for the last decade.

As I wrote previously, Miami-Dade has a serious problem. Roughly one-third of sex offenders in the County on probation are homeless and more than one-quarter of those not on probation are also homeless. Currently, that's over four hundred people! With lifetime registration, no attrition, more registrants being released daily and the supply of available compliant housing diminishing, that problem will grow exponentially.

Ron Book is NOT the person who will solve this problem for you. On this issue, Ron Book is only interested in lobbying for policy that will benefit his daughter's charity and his client, GEO Group's, pockets and oppressing former sex offenders is his vehicle to accomplish that.

It is time you afforded an *impartial, unbiased* individual or panel to take a stab at finding a better solution to this problem.

Sincerely,

s/  
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