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SENT VIA EMAIL
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RE: YOUR POLICY; “REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS AND THEIR HOUSEHOLDS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NEXTDOOR ACCOUNTS.

Dear Gordon,

I appreciate your reply, dated September 14, 2018, to my original letter concerning the above-referenced policy.

Your reply cites three reasons why Nextdoor.com excludes certain individuals from their site, namely; (1) from the sex offender registry you are unable to ascertain which people are, “a potential threat”, (2) concern that a user could feel a potentially “misguided” belief they are unsafe using the app, and (3) an unquantifiable and apparently unidentifiable number of agency partners that require you exclude members of households of persons required to register.

To address your first two reasons, you are correct. State sex offender registries do lump everyone into the same basket without enough information for the public to determine whether they represent a present risk to the community. Also, the public has an *extremely* misguided belief that all persons required to register as sex offenders are incorrigible recidivists who have all done heinous things and are lurking in the bushes waiting to repeat their offenses.

While you claim you are unable to distinguish from the registry which registrants pose a risk, clearly you can distinguish which individuals in a household are not registrants. Or do you imply that mere association or relation to a person on the registry suggests they might be a risk too?

We deal with these dangerous misconceptions in everything we do, and your policy does nothing to correct them. That said; that is not why we wrote to you and your reply did not address our concern.

Whether you feel (or care) that the person required to register is being unjustly excluded, Nextdoor.com takes it to another level and imposes that same shame and ostracism on their family members and cohabitants. It is *that* policy that we are challenging, and it is *those* individuals on whose behalf we are requesting you reconsider your policy.

Considering your previous statement that, “*Nextdoor has partnerships with more than 500 police departments, city governments, and other public agencies, and **they have made clear to us that a no exceptions policy with regard to the households of registered sex offenders is a necessary precondition for these partnerships.***” We again ask you to inform us of which such agencies have such a “no exceptions” policy requiring family members and cohabitants of registrants be denied access to your platform.

While you seem unwilling or unable to provide any such examples, we are encouraged that your “Agency Team” is reconsidering Nextdoor’s policy with respect to “sex offenders”.

In the interim we would like to know what changes are being considered with respect to NON-sex offenders who happen to live in the same household with a person required to register. Will you continue to deny them access to your platform?

As mentioned above, your reply did not address either of the concerns in our letter. For that reason, I am writing again to respectfully request that information.

Sincerely,

s/

Gail Colletta, President
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