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Dear FAC Member,

Your Representatives are elected to represent YOU in Tallahassee, and they need to know your concerns.

The Legislative Delegation meetings held every fall is one way that they hear from the public and gather as a group to listen to your concerns if you want to speak, or just introduce yourself privately.

Another way is to introduce yourself is in a handwritten letter - short and to the point. (you may also type and email, however handwritten do hold more weight). We call this the "I Believe" letter. If you have ever asked; "What can one person do?" Well, this is it....we will be heard one voice at a time. Recruit your supporters as well. We have strength in numbers.

If we can't tell them what we believe needs to be done....how can we expect them to change the laws? If you are interested in meeting your representative in person, or speaking at a Legislative Delegation meeting, let us know and an FAC Board member will join you. As one of their constituents, they are always interested in securing your vote.

FAC Assignment #1:

1. Send an "I Believe" letter to each of your State Representatives
2. Letters should be handwritten if possible; envelopes definitely hand addressed.
3. If you do not know who they are, reply to us with your street address and zip code and we will be happy to return the addresses to you.

Below is an example of an "I Believe" letter. Feel free to use all, or part of it for your own letter.

Respectfully,

Gail Colletta
President/Legislative Chair
Florida Action Committee

Example of an I BELIEVE letter

Date:

Representative or Senator Name

Address

City, State zip

Dear Representative or Senator _____,

As a citizen of Florida and a constituent in your district I wanted to share my thoughts with you. As my legislator I expect you to be fiscally responsible with my tax dollars. As I have come to have a better understanding of the current policies regarding sex offender laws I am extremely concerned we are not basing our policies on sound empirically based data.

I believe we need to reform these policies and provide education, treatment and put resources towards those who pose high risk to our communities as well as create policies which will work towards stopping the cycle of abuse.

- I believe we must find alternatives for incarceration of low risk offenders.
- I believe incarceration should be used only for those who pose a real risk to the community.
- I believe we should be using risk assessments to determine who may need to be on the registry if anyone.
- I believe the registry should not be public
- I believe those who are on the registry should have a way of being removed.
- I believe residency restrictions do not work and do not keep us safe. I also have read several studies that specifically show how these very restrictions are making our communities less safe.
- I believe my tax dollars are not being utilized effectively to manage this population and provide a sustainable system which restores people to productive lives.
- I believe I have a right to expect our policies be based on fact and not emotion.

I expect my elected officials to work to make a great place to live for all of Florida's citizens.

I look forward to hearing back from you regarding your position on these issues and what you are going to be doing this next session to improve our policies by using empirical data.

Respectfully yours,

Constituent

Name

Address

City, State Zip code (or email and zip code)

Phone