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The Hon. Wayne R. Munroe, Q.C. Minister of National Security Sir Orville A. Turnquest Building John F. Kennedy Drive P. O. Box N 3217 Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas nationalsecurity@bahamas.gov.bs

Dear Minister Munroe,

I am President of the Florida Action Committee (FAC), a 2500+ member non-profit organization that advocates for public safety and laws based on empirical research. Our focus is on the Sex Offender Registry.

We recently read a news article about a person required to register being murdered in the Bahamas shortly after his release. In that article, you were quoted as saying "If we find that it happened in circumstances that it was abundantly clear that you have vigilantes who will hunt and kill persons of which there is public notification...and we will have to see what other steps can be taken,"

I am writing to assure you that there are vigilantes who will hunt and kill persons who are publicly registered. There have been dozens of cases in the United States where not only the registrant, but members of their families have been murdered. I can also assure you that nearly all our members who are registered have experienced some form of vigilantism, threat, or harassment as a direct consequence of being publicly listed on a sex offender registry.

Public naming serves no purpose other than shaming and creating a "hit list". As you can see from these articles on registrants who have been murdered, experts strongly discourage public notification laws: https://www.vice.com/en/article/ne9ew7/how-sex-offender-registries-can-result-in-vigilante-murder, https://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2013/12/the-vigilante-of-clallam-county/281968/.

My organization encourages you to not follow the misguided example of the United States and make your registry non-public.

Sincerely,
/s/ Gail Colletta
Gail Colletta, President
Florida Action Committee, Inc.