

Florida Families

Good morning/afternoon. I'm (your name), a Florida resident.

Families are on the Florida sex offender registry - grandparents, parents, children - because a family member made a tragic decision. These families were naïve about the criminal justice system and the registry. Now, they are not.

In Florida, being on the sex offender registry is for life, no matter what the offense. Being on the registry means our children being treated cruelly at school. Our spouses being treated cruelly at work. It means not being able to help our ailing parents if they live in a restricted area. It means living with law enforcement coming to the house, day or night, and terrorizing us.

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The result for the families is repetitive trauma, generational poverty, low academic achievement, and the loss of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness".

Why does Florida create such damaging lifelong harm to its families? Visceral fear created by 2 decades of demonizing – not based on fact and where the worst offense is assumed. People labeled as sex offenders have a low rate (1 %) for committing another sex offense according to Florida Department of Corrections data analysis (2020-2023).

While in stark reality, 95% of sex offenses are committed by people not on the registry. So, why are we damaging our Florida families uselessly?

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Florida Families 90 seconds

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