

Dear Representatives of the Judiciary House In Michigan,

On behalf of my son, I am sending his testimony regarding HB 5679 that is being heard tomorrow on May 6, 2020.

We respectfully ask as a family that this meeting be cancelled since we cannot attend and provide testimony regarding this proposed bill due to the pandemic and that stay at home orders issued by the Michigan Governor. I am older and have chronic health conditions as well as my wife and it is not safe to be out in public right now due to the contagious and deadly Covid 19 that Michigan is greatly affected by as compared to most of the states in our country. Your constituents deserve to be heard on the evidence surrounding the current unconstitutionally declared law and the unconstitutional proposed HB 5679. Thank you. With that, here is my son's testimony.

Dear Representatives of the Judiciary House in Michigan,

My name is John and I wish to remain anonymous. I am writing to you about HB 5679, this is my testimony, and request that this bill be altered to remove juvenile adjudicates from being placed on any type of SORA (non-public or public).

I was 15, an incoming 9th grader, when I was taken advantage of as a juvenile diagnosed with high functioning autism. I won't take up your time with my long story but I took responsibility for my poor decisions and what happened and I am very grateful for my family that stood beside me during a situation that quite honestly was heartbreaking and to this date, continues to be.

I was not wise to a situation that happened. I should have said no but I really did not understand what was going on. I was foolish and I've since learned that I should have gone to my parents and let them know what was happening and all of this would have been avoided.

Because of what happened, and my adjudication. My brother had to change schools because he was bullied by the kids that were on the bus and the teachers in school. My parents first started to leave later for work and earlier from work to pick him up in grade school as kids were picking on him but then the teachers started to pick on him because of me, ridiculing him in class, and later caused him to have extreme problems with his health. My Mom cried every night and my parents used all the money they had to take care of me with the help of lawyers and private detectives. I was told that the school no longer wanted me to learn there and I had to leave as well. My parents found me another school to go to but had to drive me just like my brother to school in a different city. On top of that, to deal with the stress, my parents saw two psychologists for a matter of years trying to keep themselves together. My

Dad's health suffered, he had already had a heart attack and now the stress worsened his diabetes which caused his heart attack to begin with. My Mom became suddenly very ill with a virus on her brain from the lack of sleep and dealing with the day to day stress of defending me trying desperately to find out who had manipulated me over the internet.

Yet, my mistake was not going to my parents as they had instructed me to let them know someone was hurting me and my friend. I don't want to go into description of that because I am upset every night since this happened, I actually cry at night and can't sleep. I told the truth and a retired state police polygraph that I took showed that I was telling the truth but the system is not set up to consider polygraphs and I was adjudicated.

So I am paying for this problem as well as my family. My Dad takes me every 3 months to the police station and as a teenager I have to report as a sexual offender. My Dad wants to make sure I am safe so he drives me there and he pays for the annual fee of \$50 each year for registration, and he stays with me because I am a teenager and don't understand all these legal issues. I am unable to drive, I have high functioning autism. I can't find an apartment that will let me stay there ever because I am on a SORA and I have limited college choices and job options because I have to report.

I successfully completed Michigan's juvenile offender program where they said I was a very low risk, a zero, (because I have no friends except my family--I am ostracized and I am scared in the public now) to the community, However, HB 5679 would have me continue to report as an offender for my entire life four times a year. I am worried I won't be able to find a job, I won't be able to find a place to live and I will never have any friends. If I do find a place to live, I will have a policeman come to my house once a year to verify where I live and my neighbors will soon find out as they did with my parents. Then, I expect I will get evicted and harassed and if I have a job, I may soon lose it if anyone finds out I am on the list.

I hope you will please re-consider having any juvenile adjudicates never having to report on a SORA. It is giving an adjudicated juvenile a life sentence regardless of the circumstances and regardless if the State's experts have assessed and said they pose very low/no risk to the community. I would like to get my life back from a stupid mistake I made as a kid. I would like to be a contributing member to society and being on a SORA of any kind makes this almost impossible.

Thank you for your time,

John