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The Honorable Bill Quirk
Chair – Assembly Committee on Public Safety
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblyman Quirk and Members of the Assembly Committee on Public Safety,

The California Sex Offender Management Board (CASOMB) has been following assembly Bill 201 and has determined that it would be important for CASOMB to offer some contributions to the deliberations about whether to pass this proposed legislation through the Public Safety Committee.

As you know, AB 201 is an attempt to authorize the state's 540 local jurisdictions to create their own local ordinances regulating where registered sex offenders may not live (Residence Restrictions) and where they may not be present (Exclusion Zones).

CASOMB sees this Bill as a very important and well intentioned effort to contribute to the safety of California citizens by reducing the chances that individuals previously convicted of a sex offense (Penal Code 290 Registrants) will commit a new sex offense.

Based upon knowledge of the research and scientific evidence related to policies such as the ones proposed by AB 201, CASOMB has previously concluded that policies creating these types of restrictions are not effective and, in fact, actually increase the risk of sexual recidivism.

In addition, they have many other consequences, some intended and some unintended, which make their implementation undesirable.

The Board therefore registers its strong opposition to moving this legislature forward and urges Public Safety Committee members to vote against it in the January 12, 2016 hearing.

In the hope that the information will be of assistance to Committee members in making a wise decision, CASOMB has prepared a statement reviewing many of the issues and concerns raised by AB 201 and has provided that document in the following pages.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of California and your efforts to support wise and productive policies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. J. Tobin Ph.D.".

Tom Tobin, Ph.D.
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