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Christopher P. Mitchell, Chairman
Mark Elfman, Vice Chairman
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Re: Policy Addressing Sexual Predatory Behavior/Actions Against Minors

Dear Chairman Mitchell and Vice Chairman Elfman:

We the undersigned respectfully submit this letter to express our hope that you will give careful consideration to the legal issues raised in the letter you previously received from the Alliance for Constitutional Sex Offense Laws dated March 11, 2019.

We applaud your legitimate concern for public safety, especially for the children of Foxborough. But we question the legitimacy and effectiveness of the approach that your "Policy Addressing Sexual Predatory Behavior" takes on this matter. We remain in a process of collaboration to fully determine the extent that the aforementioned policy under discussion by your committee may result in unjust punishment, have negative consequences to members of the public, and may very well be in violation of the United States and Massachusetts Constitutions. As well, we are in communication with state agencies and other civil rights organizations whose role it would be to consider legal action after such a policy is implemented, should it cause unjust harm to any U.S. citizens living in Massachusetts.

We all have a common goal to ensure public safety, and our organizations collectively welcome efforts to address dangerous sexual behavior that are lawful, effective, and based on the findings of the great amount of empirical research now being carried out in this controversial field. But our fear -- which has been borne-out by similar policies like this in other parts of the country -- is the unintended consequences for citizens and their families without any resulting increase in public safety.

We and our organizations stand ready and eager to collaborate with you in developing policy that will effectively meet the desired goals without the risk of sacrificing the constitutional protections afforded to all citizens.

We ask that you not implement the referenced policy.

Respectfully,

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