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To whom it may concern,

As a parent and resident of the Cedar Grove neighborhood, I am deeply disturbed and concerned by the presence of a convicted child rapist living within our community — especially knowing that one of his victims also lives here. No victim should have to live in fear, retraumatization, or constant reminders of the person who harmed them.

Our neighborhood is filled with young children who ride bikes, walk to friends' houses, play outside, and deserve to grow up in a safe environment. Parents should not have to live with the anxiety and fear that comes with having someone convicted of such horrific crimes living nearby.

This is why legislation such as House Bill H8502, the Victim Proximity Protection Act, is so important. Victims and their families deserve protections that prevent offenders from residing in dangerously close proximity to those they harmed. Laws like this recognize the lasting trauma victims carry and the responsibility communities have to prioritize their safety and wellbeing.

This is not about punishment beyond what the court imposed — it is about protecting children, supporting victims, and preserving the safety of our neighborhood. We are asking local officials to do everything legally possible to prevent this individual from residing in our community and to stand behind measures like the Victim Proximity Protection Act that put victims and families first.

Please do not ignore the fear, anxiety, and retraumatization this situation has caused. Our children, our families, and especially the victims deserve to feel safe in their own neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Jessica Billings