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2026--S 2144; 2026--S 2281

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To Whom It May Concern:

The bills referenced here are scheduled to be heard by the Senate Judiciary Committee tomorrow at The Rise. I would like to submit the following information to the committee regarding them:

- **2026—S 2281 (OPPOSE)**

**The following article is attached:**

*Levenson, et al, Sex Offender Residence Restrictions: Sensible Crime Policy or Flawed Logic? 71 Federal Probation: A Journal of Correctional Philosophy and Practices No. 3* (concludes that there is a growing body of evidence that residence restrictions create unintended consequences for sex offenders and communities including homelessness; transience; inaccessibility to social support, employment, and rehabilitative services; registry invalidity; and clustering of sex offenders in poor, rural, or socially disorganized neighborhoods and are predicated on erroneous assumptions)

- **2026—S 2144 (SUPPORT)**

**I will reference the following statutes while testifying in support of this bill:**

1) § 12-29-5. Disposition of domestic violence cases.

<https://webserver.rilegislature.gov//Statutes/TITLE12/12-29/12-29-5.htm>

2) § 12-29-5.2. Duties and responsibilities of committee.

<https://webserver.rilegislature.gov//Statutes/TITLE12/12-29/12-29-5.2.htm>

See especially § 12-29-5.2(a)(1) which says that “*Provisions shall be established defining the circumstances under which defendants who have attended a batterers program while incarcerated, and/or a batterers program in another jurisdiction that is certified under that jurisdiction’s standards or not subject to standards in that jurisdiction, may request that their documented participation in such program be accepted in satisfaction of some portion of their obligation to attend forty (40) hours of a certified batterers intervention program as described in subsection (a)(1)(ii).*”

Respectfully Submitted,

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