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Via First Class Mail

Honorable Thomas A. Turco, III
Secretary
Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
1 Ashburton Place, Suite 2133
Boston, MA 02108

Re: City of Medford

Dear Secretary Turco and Members of the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board:

Recently, Level 3 Sex Offender and suspected child murderer Wayne Chapman recently relocated from Boston Medical Center to a more "permanent" home Medford Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in the City of Medford. While this is concerning on its own merits, the MRNC is already home to two *additional* convicted Level 3 Sex Offenders and one additional Level 2 Sex Offender, all living within very close quarters, just blocks from a public ball field and in close proximity to several Medford schools.

While I understand the need for these individuals to receive specialized care in facilities like MRNC, there are no exiting regulations governing the number of Sex Offenders, specifically more severe offenders within a single building. Even more concerning, at least one of these *Level 3 Offenders* has admitted to heinous crimes against at least 100 children, and is suspected in the murder of an 11 year old child. Further, there are no regulations providing for safe harbor of those who were victimized by such offenders, either directly or indirectly.

We learned only today that Mr. Chapman has left the facility and will not be returning. My concern and strong objection as to how this occurred in the first place remain.

It is unacceptable to have one such offender living within close proximity to spaces where young children and families gather, but to have three in the same facility is unconscionable.

I urge you to seriously consider the following:

1. Revise and/or add regulations governing the housing of more than one (1) high level Sex Offender within a single building. Specifically, I urge you to order that no fewer than two (2) of the Offenders currently residing at the MRNC relocate.
2. Revise and/or add regulations governing the residing of high-level Sex Offenders within a community where victims' family currently reside.

Regardless of the physical, mental or other state of the offender(s), trauma for victims is real and should be heavily considered prior to placing a suspect in close proximity to these victims and their families.

As a community leader and as a parent, I am appalled at the lack of clear and strict regulations in place that would allow for multiple high level and quite frankly dangerous Sex Offenders to be placed by a government board within the same facility, with no input by or notice to the community.

I respectfully ask that you take urgent action to prevent future issues for communities like Medford in the best interests of the health and safety of our youngest and most vulnerable residents.

Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Breanna Lungo-Koehn
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cc: Members, Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board
State Senator Patricia Jehlen
State Representative Paul Donato
State Representative Sean Garballey
State Representative Christine Barber
Medford City Council
Chief Jack Buckley, Medford Police Department