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Bill #: SB 288

Proponent Written Testimony Only

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Representing: Self

To Whom This May Concern, Chairwoman Warren, Committee Members, My name is Mary Stang and I am a lifelong resident of Sedgwick County. I am writing and submitting my testimony as a proponent of SB 288.

When it comes to children I believe we have to do everything we can to keep them safe and prepare them for adulthood. The parents are the main teachers and protectors, but teachers play a big part in both of those for up to 8 hours every day up to 5 days a week. Quite a bit of time. In order to keep children safe you have to make sure that nothing or nobody can or will be able to harm them. As a parent knows it is a huge responsibility. When a child is dropped off at school parents are entrusting the teachers and principle to make sure everything is safe and sound for their students. Allowing anyone to access the school or having on staff a person or persons that are questionable or known to have offenses they have been convicted of against children is never acceptable. Parents will not feel that they have left their children in good and responsible hands. It is important that our laws and rules protect everyone especially our children and this bill has legislation that would prevent harmful people near our children knowingly or unknowingly.

I do not feel that individuals that have committed crimes of a sexual nature are able to be rehabilitated. I feel it is in the best interest of our children to not ever allow a person who has been convicted of sexual crimes to teach or be around our children in any way shape or form. If a parent of a student has been convicted of a sexual crime then there should be provisions made to make sure they are able to stay abreast of their child's education and progress. A provision could be a video conference with the parent and the teacher with the student present to talk about how their child is doing academically. I do not believe that rules should be bent on allowing any person to enter the school where other children could be when they have sexual convictions and this applies to parents as well. I, also, believe that once convicted as a sexual offender or predator you are always one and should have to register on a data base for life. If they do not register and are hired in any job where children or women are if they have been convicted of rape then they should have to return to jail and serve time for a violation and the neighbors in their neighborhood should be able to know about them. There should be no exceptions to this and I feel the laws need to be very tough on all convicted pedophiles and rapists. I, also, feel that all adult rated books that have sexual material in them should be banned and removed from schools and libraries and any where children have access to them. I, also, feel

that sex education in school needs to not contain any gay instruction allowed. This is not normal and it goes against everything we know to be right and since there is only 2 genders, male and female, this kind of instruction goes against anything that is approved or within moral and principled standards. To sum this up I feel that those who have been convicted of sexual crimes should be isolated from the rest of our communities due to the fact that they can never be rehabilitated period. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Stang

A Proud Mom and Grandma who would give my life to keep my child and grandchildren safe and sound.