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I write to you today not just as a concerned parent, but as someone who believes that our schools should be the safest places for our children. Unfortunately, that belief was shattered when a known sex offender who's crime "Distribution Or Receipt Of Child Pornography Via The Internet". He was convicted of having hundreds of videos of naked girls between 1 and 14 that were horrific in nature. Including a video of sexual assault against a 6-8 year old girl. A sexual offender who is not even a guardian of a student was allowed into a school dance with the principal's approval—without parents being informed, without security precautions, and without any regard for the safety of the students in attendance. He was allowed his phone and was actively videotaping children on the dance floor.

This problem is not a fluke, or a 1 time incident. With Missouri having strict laws against convicted sex offenders, Kansas is essentially welcoming them over stateline by having no protection. There are 12,139 sex offenders living in the state of Kansas (KBI). We are merely asking for those who have been convicted of crimes against minors not be allowed on school grounds. I have printed an article showcasing the mind of a sexual offender (according to the website https://hopeandsafety.org). We cannot leave administration of our schools to be open to their manipulation and lies in order to gain access to our children. To this day there has been no acknowledgement that a mistake was made, an apology or any form of discussion from the leader of our elementary school who allowed this to happen. We need safeguards in place to protect our children when others have fallen prey to manipulation.

No parent should ever have to wonder if their child is safe at a school event. No student should ever have to unknowingly share a space with a known predator. And no school official should ever have the unchecked power to make a reckless decision that puts innocent children at risk.

This is not just about one school, one principal, or one bad decision. It's about a system that has failed to put the safety of children above all else. How many other schools are making these same mistakes? How many other parents have been left in the dark, trusting that their children were protected when, in reality, they weren't?

We need real change. We need laws that make it clear: sex offenders have no place in our schools. Parents deserve transparency. School officials who endanger children must be held accountable.

I am asking you today to take action—not just for the families in my community, but for every child in this state. Let this be the moment we draw a line and say, "Never again." Our children deserve nothing less.

Sincerely,

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