

I am a registered sex offender, and I understand the weight that such a label carries. It is something I will carry for the rest of my life, and I do not take lightly the mistakes I made in the past. However, I am a father, and the most important thing in my life is raising my daughter to be a happy, healthy, and successful individual.

The proposed bill in Kansas, which seeks to restrict my ability to be near her school, poses a devastating threat to that mission. As a single father, I am doing everything I can to ensure my daughter grows up in an environment full of love, support, and stability. I work endlessly to be the father she needs me to be, and I have made it my life's purpose to provide her with a safe, nurturing home. But the reality is that this bill would tear that all apart.

It is hard to put into words how much my daughter means to me. She is my heart, and every decision I make is for her future. If this bill is passed, it would essentially separate me from her world. I would no longer be able to be there when she needs me the most, whether it's attending parent-teacher conferences, picking her up from school, or being present at her extracurricular activities. The law would make it impossible for me to maintain the day-to-day participation that is essential to her emotional well-being.

This bill doesn't just punish me; it punishes my daughter as well. She would be denied the love, stability, and involvement of a father who is fully committed to raising her in the best way possible. Children need their parents, not only as guardians but also as active participants in their lives. A bill that strips that away creates a wedge between parent and child, deepening the emotional and social challenges that both my daughter and I already face.

I understand that the law is created with the intent to protect children, and I do not take that responsibility lightly. But I believe it is crucial to recognize the unique circumstances of individuals like myself who have served their time and are working hard every day to become better people and better parents. My daughter deserves to have me in her life, not just as a distant figure but as an active, engaged parent who can help her navigate the challenges of growing up.

This law does not consider the real-world impact on families like mine. It fails to account for the emotional toll it takes on a child who is being separated from a loving and devoted father. The law does not account for the reality that my daughter needs me, my guidance, my presence, and my unwavering love to help her grow into the best person she can be.

I ask for compassion and understanding in this matter. Please consider the impact this bill would have on families, and specifically on my daughter who has only one parent striving to give her everything she needs to succeed. Please think about the lasting harm this law would cause, not just to me, but to the innocent child who deserves to have her father fully in her life.

Thank you for your time and consideration.