Branded for life
Sex offenders need rehabilitation, not public shaming

The Michigan State Senate unanimously passed a bill on Jan. 28 that would allow individuals who’ve been convicted of two or more sex crimes to include more crimes involving murderers. The current law, overhauled in 2011 to comply with federal regulations, categorizes the names of offenders—those who’ve committed Tier 2 and 3 crimes—with raping and child pornography—by posting publicly online. Although protecting children from the heinous acts of sex offenders must be paramount of importance, this bill is misguided. As a society we must stop shaming criminals indefinitely, and this bill would only serve to stigmatize offenders and distract from real reform.

The current registry system is antiquated. The requirements for inclusion in the database are based on a series of flawed assumptions. These assumptions are based on the belief that sex offenders are always a threat to public safety, that information is not available to law enforcement, and that it’s in the public interest to publicize the names of these individuals.

The purpose of this is to meet our perceived needs. Most sex offenses are not posted online. However, it is the job of law enforcement to protect the public. Hacking punishments cured the harm of the initial offenses, which are no longer active. The process into normal life extremely difficult. It is not the job of the public to monitor who this person might have paid their debts and wish to reintegrate into society. They have already paid for their crimes from us all accepting into society—another aspect.

According to University researcher J.E. Proctor, public stigma and shame has been shown to actually increase the incidence of sex offenders. This trend has been attributed to multiple variables, including the influence of psychology and social psychology, and the findings that offenders who are punished, are no less likely to recidivate. Acceptance of these laws ultimately allows for a larger number of sex offenders to be monitored. Crimes perceived against young people are considered to be more serious and the goal is to prevent them from being parsed. The government has a responsibility to protect all of us, not just sex offenders.

In addition to this, putting offenders in photo, not even private sex offenders at that, is not only dangerous to our society but is also illegal. Most importantly, this bill is not the best way to protect our society. The best way to protect our society is to ensure that all sex offenders are actually punished and that they are do not recidivate.

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Ensure tuition equality

The Feb. 1, University President Mark Schlissel announced the elimination of in-state student tuition fees for all of Michigan State’s graduate and professional students. Schlissel’s announcement is a strong step forward for the university as well as the students themselves.

In an effort to reduce the amount of tuition fees, Schlissel declared that the university will no longer charge in-state tuition fees for graduate and professional students. This decision was made to provide more affordable education opportunities for all students.

The move is expected to have a significant impact on the university’s overall budget. By reducing tuition fees, the university will be able to allocate more funds towards other important initiatives such as faculty salaries, research grants, and student aid programs.

Furthermore, the announcement is widely supported by both students and faculty members. The elimination of in-state tuition fees is a positive step for the university’s overall educational mission.

The move is also expected to have a positive impact on the university’s graduate and professional student population. By reducing the cost of tuition, more students will be able to afford to attend the university, which will in turn increase the diversity and quality of the student body.

The elimination of in-state tuition fees is a significant accomplishment for the university and a step forward in making higher education more affordable for all students.

Rule of climatic change

The Internet gives us the "screen courage" to say what we can't say face-to-face.

Small talk? Truly your personal space — it's for anyone's eyes but yours. It's also the ultimate display of personality. You check your email like a drug habit. Try to talk to someone across a long distance. They are likely on the other side of a long, distant, or dark ocean, and have no idea what you're talking about. You start talking... "Hey, how's your face?"... After a few minutes, you realize that there is something wrong with your face. You check your face... no... your screen... no... it's your face! You stop talking... and the other person is still there. You realize that you have no idea what you are doing. You start talking... but the other person is still there. You realize that you have no idea what you are doing.

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