

## MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Ronald G. Waters

SUBJECT: Request for Co-Sponsorship

DATE: June 26, 2012

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In the near future, I intend to introduce legislation requiring sex offenders and child predators to state their criminal status on their Facebook or other social networking page. My legislation will expand the registration requirements of sex offenders to include a disclosure on the convicted criminal's social networking page(s).

Under this legislation, sex offenders and child predators who create a profile or who use a social networking website where he or she can contact or even attempt to contact other networking website users should include in his or her profile the following information: an indication that he or she is a sex offender or child predator, notice of the crime for which he or she was convicted, the jurisdiction of conviction, a description of his or her physical characteristics and his or her residential address. The person should display this information on their social networking profile to ensure the information is visible to other users and visitors of the social networking website.

This legislation is a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of our children is protected. Our children are tech savvy and have learned how to navigate and use social networking websites creating pages as an outlet to express themselves and a means to communicate with others. This legislation will inform children, students, parents, and adults who frequent social networking websites of the sex offenders and child predators who also use these networking websites. If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Nilda Jenkins at (717) 772-6955 or via e-mail at [njenkins@pahouse.net](mailto:njenkins@pahouse.net).