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Dear Attorney General

MANDATORY REGISTRATION ON THE SEX OFFENDERS REGISTER

In May 2019, the Law Society made a submission to the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs regarding the Inquiry into Mandatory Registration of Children and Young People on the Sex Offenders Register. The Law Society holds the view that the registration of an offender, especially a young offender, as a reportable offender should be a matter of judicial discretion.

The Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs has since released a report in May 2020, titled '*Punitive not protective: when mandatory registration of young people is not based on risk*' which outlined a number of recommendations that the Law Society has considered and supports.

The Law Society respectfully requests your due consideration on this matter and would like an update on timeframe for progressing the recommendations on the mandatory registration of children and young people on the sex offender's register.

Please let me know if there is something further that the Law Society could provide to assist your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely



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President