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Mr. Reuben,

Thank you for reaching out to me and sharing your experiences. I have introduced my bill to address custody issues and convicted sex offenders residing in their homes, LB60. This bill works within the framework of the Parenting Act and statutes that are already in existence. These statutes apply to those who must register with the SOR due to felony acts with a minor or 2nd or 3rd degree assault, 2nd or 3rd degree assault of a minor, child enticement, or child enticement by electronic communications.

This bill addresses two issues. First, it mandates that the non-custodial parent receive written notification when a sex offender is residing with the children or is allowed unsupervised contact with the children.

Second, the bill clarifies the standard that judges must use when declaring their opinions. Now, the judges must find that in order for the children to stay in the home with the sex offender or to continue to have unsupervised contact with the sex offender that it is in the child's best interests and there is no significant risk to the child in doing so.

I know that this only addresses a very small portion of the issues within the SOR, but I believe it is a good starting point.

My other advice to you is to file a complaint with the Office of the Inspector General. They investigate critical incidents (death, severe injury, molestation) that happen to children and give recommendations on further steps to the government agencies on following protocol and how to better serve our citizens.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brett Lindstrom". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Sen. Brett Lindstrom