#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Sex Offender Advocacy
& Support Groups

SO Clear Media Productions, Inc. - (503) 389-7679 or www.soclear.org

ReformSexOffenderLaws.org

The American Justice Foundation - (305) 220-2200 www.AMJF.org

eAdvocate News -

http://www.geocities.com/voicism/index.html

SOSEN - Sex Offender Support and Education Netwowww.sosen.info

www.PrisonTalk.com

www.SexOffenderIssues.blogspot.com/

Roar for Freedom - (304) 932-0546 or Www.RoarForFreedom.com

Operation Awareness - info@operationawareness.com

SOhopeful International - www.sohopeful.org

National HIRE Network - employment services for people with criminal records, www.hirenet.org or (212) 243-1313

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## GET THE FACTS ON REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS:

- MYTH: Registered Sex Offenders (RSOs) tend to reoffend at high rates making it necessary to have the sex offender registration laws. FACT: RSOs have very LOW re-offense rates when compared to all but one other criminal category (source USDOJ).

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- MYTH: Most new sex abuse cases are committed by RSOs. FACT: The vast majority of new sex offenses are committed by people who are today NOT registered sex offenders (source USDOJ).
- MYTH: Most sex abuse cases involve people who are strangers to your children (commonly known as the stranger danger myth). FACT: Over 90% of sex abuse occurs within the family unit or a trusted person who has access to your children.

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- MYTH: Most sex offenders are from low income families or neighborhoods. FACT: RSOs represent a cross section of American society.
- MYTH: Registered Sex Offenders are incurable ticking time bombs that will 'go off' at any moment. FACT: Sex offender therapy DOES work for those that require it. But keep in mind that there are many sub-categories of sex offenses that involved lewd and lascivious conduct (mooning, urinating in public, streaking, etc.), Romeo-Juliet cases, falsely accused people and others.
- MYTH: When it comes to sex abuse laws, politicians are interested in hard facts, empirical data and expert testimony to construct useful laws that help society. FACT: Politicians know that to get reelected, they must follow public opinion. The American public today is living through a 'sex panic' caused by decades of hype and spin sex offender news coverage that to this day continues to focus on hysteria and fear that politicians take advantage of.
- MYTH: The broadcast news media is interested in presenting sex offender news in a fair and balanced way. FACT: Over the last thirty years, the broadcast news media has put profits before the public's right to know the truth. Stiff competition in the news reporting industry has caused sex offender stories to be used as lead stories that focus on fear and hysteria to get a larger television audience.

### SILENT NO MORE Out of the Shadows

Advocacy Event for the Rights of Registered Sex Offenders



Saturday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 11:00am At the Ohio Statehouse



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# MISSION STATEMENT AND POLICY

We exist for one primary reason: To create a society where there are no victims of sexual abuse. PERIOD.

We are a group of like-minded individuals consisting of citizens from all walks of life who share a common, genuine concern for the well being and safety of children. Our members consist of former sex offenders, family members of former sex offenders, victims, experts in mental health, and legal professionals. Our goal as concerned citizens is to address and advocate against the legislatively mandated laws that now function to create new victims (OUR children) and as obstacles to successful re-entry of former offenders into society.

To reach lower levels of sexual abuse in our society, policy makers must cease manipulating public opinion with fear and hysteria and focus on listening to expert testimony and hard facts from reputable sources. We encourage mainstream news media organizations to put fairness and balance into news stories that pertain to sexual crimes so as to not hurt the lives of former sex offenders living as lawful members of the community. We also encourage that our elected leaders stop pandering to the emotions and fears of the American public to garner votes for the next election by sponsoring ineffective and irrational public policy, a practice that has been heavily facilitated by the mainstream media.

The United States Department of Justice in addition to fifteeh independent state studies show that registered sex offender reoffense rates remain consistently low for many decades. Bottom line: Registered sex offenders are no more predictable than any other member of society, yet are held to substantially different standards. These studies have shown that less than 10% of registered sex offenders commit another sex offense - a very low re-offense rate when compared to other criminal categories. It is also shown that most new sexual crimes (95%) are likely to be committed by a person who today is NOT on the sex offender registry, therefore making the sex offender registry hopelessly inept and yet causing new victims in the process.

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#### **EVENT SPEAKERS**

<u>Jackie Sparling</u> - COO SO Clear (OH) <u>Introductions</u>

Tom Madison - Founder & President of SO Clear MC (OR)

Tamara Jackson - Former Sex Offender Counselor & SO Clear Member/Advocate (OH)
Topic: What Registered Sex Offenders Face in Ohio"The Voice of Those Not Present Today"

Ali Metz - Student & Sister of RSO, age 16 (OH)

Dr. William Samek - Clinical & Forensic Psychologist, Director of FL Sexual Abuse Treatment Program And Founder & President of the American Justice Foundation (FL) - Topic: Does Sex Offender Treatment Work - "Should You be Frightened of the Sex Offender Next Door?"

Margie Slagle - Attorney & Advocate, Ohio Justice and Policy Center (OH) - Topic: Legal Issues

Linda Pherson - President of SOSEN (VA)
Topic: How Family is Affected-"If it Harms One Child"

Cheryl Griffin - COO & Media Director of SOSEN (FL)
Topic: Residence Restrictions-"A Formula for Failure"

<u>Jane Major</u> - Registered Nurse, activist and wife of RSO. (FL). Topic: Collateral consequences and fighting for balance, fairness and justice.

Betty Price - Executive Director of Roar 4 Freedom (WV)

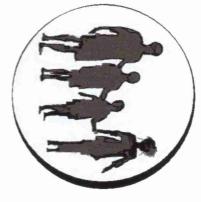
Topic: Education & Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse

Tom Madison - MC (OR)
Topic: Political, Legal & Social Impacts- "Call to Political Action"

<u>Dr. Steven DavidSon</u> - Pastoral Counselor (TX)
Topic: "Silent No More"

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