



## *Monroe County Legislature*

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To The Honorable  
Monroe County Legislature  
39 West Main Street  
Rochester, New York 14614

**Re: Improving Community Notification, Management and Compliance of Registered Sex Offenders**

Honorable Legislators:

Public Safety and protecting our vulnerable populations is perhaps one of the most important functions of government. Currently, residents in Monroe County can obtain information regarding individuals whom are convicted and registered sex offenders in their neighborhoods by utilizing the New York State Offender Registry. Local school districts can also provide notification when offenders relocate into the area.

An online resource, OffenderWatch, has become a widely utilized tool across the nation regarding the management, compliance and community notification of registered sex offender locations. Currently, 25 New York counties, including our neighbors Erie, Genesee, Niagara and Ontario, have implemented the OffenderWatch programs in their area. Connecticut and Vermont, along with several others, have utilized statewide implementations of the program to monitor their offenders. The OffenderWatch program has also been endorsed by the National Sheriff's Association.

While providing public safety agencies with an effective, web-based management and compliance tool, OffenderWatch also provides all residents the ability to receive email alerts of offender's relocations and other updated information, something the State's registry does not offer. This allows parents to be automatically updated and removes the burden on them to constantly check online mapping resources for the current location of offenders.

At an estimated annual cost of \$14,000, the OffenderWatch program appears to be a worthy investment that this Honorable Body should pursue and consider. This system does not require any hardware investments, and licensing included in the \$14,000 fee provides unlimited users and access to the OffenderWatch system by the Sheriff's Office.

Therefore, I recommend for the Monroe County's Sheriff's Office to conduct a review of the OffenderWatch program and report back to the Legislature within one (1) monthly legislative cycle regarding the applicability of this program in Monroe County.

**The required legislative action** is to adopt a resolution requesting the Sheriff's Office to conduct the review of the OffenderWatch program, provide said report back to this Honorable Body no later than one (1) monthly legislative cycle. Attached to this proposal is additional information about the OffenderWatch program.

This proposal shall have no impact on the revenues and/or expenditures of the current Monroe County Budget. Depending on the findings of the Sheriff's Office review, future expenditures for this program shall be considered as part of the 2012 Proposed County Budget preparation process.

Respectfully submitted,



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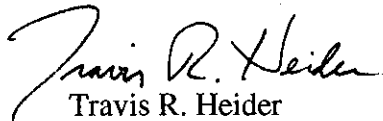
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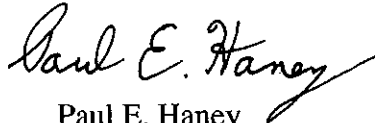
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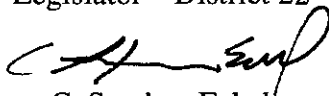
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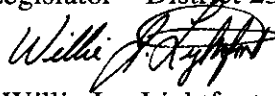
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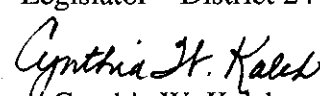
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