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Sex Offenses & Offender Registration Task Force Members:

The first meeting of the Sex Offenses & Offender Registration Task Force will be held Monday, December 5th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Michael A. Bilandic Building, 160 N. LaSalle, Room N-502. To enter the Bilandic Building, visitors must present valid state identification and pass through a metal detector. All Task Force meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act. Members of the general public are encouraged to attend.

To prepare for our first meeting, we have attached the agenda and the Task Force's enabling statute, Public Act 099-0873.

As you will see from the attached agenda, we will focus most of our meeting on setting a schedule for our work, discussing the Task Force's statutory responsibilities, and reviewing a brief presentation from Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) staff on sex offender law and policy.

As our work will focus on contentious issues, we would like to suggest that we develop and agree upon a set of guiding principles. It is our hope that such principles will help us engage in productive discussions and fulfill our mandated objectives and goals of examining "current offenses that require offenders to register as sex offenders, the current data and research regarding evidence based practices, the conditions, restrictions, and outcomes for registered sex offenders, and the registration process," so that Illinois law and policy can "identify high-risk sex offenders and focus on monitoring those offenders to protect victims, improve public safety, and maintain the seriousness of each offense."

In that spirit, we would like to propose the following Principles of Effective Supervision Management and Treatment of People Convicted of Sex Offenses for discussion:

Protect Public Safety:

Policies for people with sex offenses must enhance community safety.

Use Evidence-Based Practices:

Illinois laws and policies should be informed by research and practices shown to protect victims and reduce future offenses.

Allocate Resources Efficiently:

The state's limited public resources should be invested in programs that do the most to prevent offending, lower recidivism, and improve outcomes for victims, families, and

communities. Funding priority should be given to strategies that have demonstrated success.

Make Decisions Based on Assessments:

To better protect communities, law enforcement agencies must be able to differentiate between people who have high, moderate, and low risks and needs. Individualized assessments should be the basis for determining appropriate sanctions, treatment, and supervision.

Hold Individuals and Systems Accountable:

People must be held accountable for the harm they have caused to victims and communities with punishment that is proportional to the offense. The justice system also must be held accountable for preventing offending, reducing recidivism, increasing public safety, wisely using scarce resources, and supporting people in their efforts to lead positive and productive lives.

If you would like to share recommendations or thoughts on this matter before the meeting, please email them to Director Maki at John.Maki@illinois.gov by Thursday, December 1st. Director Maki will summarize and forward all feedback to the Task Force on Friday, December 2nd. As ICJIA is staffing the Task Force, please send any other questions or concerns to Director Maki, cc'ing Representative Sims at repsims34@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Representative Elgie R. Sims, Jr. (Chair)
John Maki, Executive Director, ICJIA

Enclosure:

Sex Offenses & Offender Registration Task Force Agenda for December 5th, 2016
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