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March 30, 2026

Rachel Bretz

Three Moms
[REDACTED]

Dear Rachel Bretz,

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Snyder".

Chairperson

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Enclosure

cc: Kim Drogosz
Stephanie Sutton
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Stephanie Sutton

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Jennifer Hammer

**Three Moms:
Their Legal Reality**

SOMB OPPOSES:
HB2870, HB2966(SB1092), SB1829

SOMB-Sex Offender Management Board

**Three Moms Bringing Attention to:
*Dangerous Crimes Against Children (DCAC) Misconceptions
and the Impacts of Sex Offender Housing Restrictions***

The materials in this packet are provided to explain the Dangerous Crimes Against Children (DCAC) designation and how it applies not only to violent hands-on offenses but also to non-contact, non-dangerous, non-repetitive access of illegal digital images.

These materials also include how the proposed housing restrictions could create unintended consequences for sex offenders who are already struggling to secure stable housing, as well as an explanation of why the proposed amendments would not resolve the underlying problem.

Packet Contents

1. Policy Concerns Regarding Proposed Legislation
2. Dangerous Crimes Against Children (DCAC) Statute and Application
 - a) Understanding A.R.S. § 13-705
 - b) Relevant Sections of the Statute
 - c) History and Technological Context
3. Constituent Stories
 - a) Kim Drogosz – Autism and online content access
 - b) Stephanie Sutton – Online grooming of a vulnerable minor
 - c) Rachel Bretz – Young adult, mental health and digital content exposure
 - d) Jennifer Hammer – Successful shared housing in jeopardy
4. Why the Amendment to SB2870 Does Not Resolve the Problem of Additional Housing Restrictions – and Why the Sex Offender Management Board OPPOSES it
5. Explanation Sheet: Autism and Public Systems

Arizona Sex Offender Management Board

Opposes Three Legislative Bills

OFFICIAL POSITION — FEBRUARY 23, 2026 BOARD MEETING

21 Board Members Present

Established by HB 1000, signed June 2024

Chairwoman: Kara Motes

AZ Dept. of Public Safety

The Arizona Sex Offender Management Board — a multidisciplinary, state-authorized body comprising law enforcement, judiciary, corrections, victim advocates, mental health professionals, and community representatives — **voted to officially oppose all three bills listed below.** These votes reflect the board's evidence-based mission to enhance community safety and reduce recidivism. The SOMB respectfully urges the legislature to pause and allow the board to complete its ongoing, evidence-based policy recommendations before these measures are advanced.

HB 2870

Residence of Sex Offenders; Regulation

Severely restricts the ability of registered sex offenders to live in shared housing arrangements statewide.

SOMB VOTE TO OPPOSE

19 Yes · 0 No · 2 Abstain

BOARD MEMBER TESTIMONY

"Stable housing is directly related to recidivism risk. This bill represents a significant reduction in viable housing options."

— Board Member, Sex Offender Supervision Professional

"Supervising officers already approve or deny residence on a case-by-case basis daily. Healthy individuals doing well in treatment often support one another — that flexibility should remain local, not overridden by statewide mandates."

— Board Member, Probation/Supervision Professional

"This does not benefit public safety, nor does it speak to rehabilitation. It fails to account for group homes, pathway houses, and assisted living facilities for aging and medically vulnerable populations."

— Board Member, Public Defender / Legal Professional

"If this was born from a problem in a specific city, it can and should be handled at the local level — through zoning or local ordinance — not statewide legislation."

— Board Member

HB 2966

Dangerous Crimes Against Children; Probation

Eliminates the ability of individuals with a DCAC designation to petition for early termination of probation.

SOMB VOTE TO OPPOSE

18 Yes · 0 No · 3 Abstain

BOARD MEMBER TESTIMONY

"DCAC is a legal sentencing enhancement — not a clinical risk instrument. It does not capture who the most dangerous individuals are. Basing supervision policy on a single legal label does not make the community safer."

— Board Member, Mental Health / Clinical Professional

"The ability to petition for early termination is a meaningful incentive for treatment engagement. Eliminating hope increases frustration and disengagement — outcomes that raise, not lower, risk."

— Board Member, Treatment Professional

"Individuals routinely have early termination petitions denied. This is not a rubber stamp — it is a rigorous, judge-overseen process. Eliminating judicial discretion, including for elderly or medically incapacitated individuals, is not sound policy."

— Board Chairwoman, 25 Years in Sex Offender Supervision

SB 1898

Probation; Dangerous Crimes Against Children

Mirror bill to HB 2966, excluding minors. Carries the same structural concerns regarding evidence-based supervision.

SOMB VOTE TO OPPOSE

18 Yes · 1 No · 4 Abstain

BOARD MEMBER TESTIMONY

"There are cases involving young adults — 18 or 19 — where circumstances are complex. Mandating lifetime supervision regardless of risk trajectory, treatment progress, or changed circumstances is not evidence-based policy."

— Board Member, Probation / Supervision Professional

"Risk-need-responsivity requires supervising the highest-risk individuals most intensively. These bills replace risk-based logic with offense-based categories — a step backward in public safety science."

— Board Member, Clinical / Treatment Professional

"Defense attorneys advise clients to accept plea deals based on the understanding that they can petition after seven years. Eliminating that option retroactively undermines the integrity of the plea process."

— Board Member, Legal Professional

"Public safety resources are finite. We should direct intensive supervision toward individuals who present measurable, ongoing risk — not adopt blanket policies that make no distinction between levels of danger."
— Board Chairwoman

"As a board, it is our duty to provide logic alongside the emotion that drives legislation. Both matter — but policy must be grounded in evidence."
— Board Member

About the Sex Offender Management Board

Established by Arizona SB 1630, signed into law June 21, 2024 by Governor Hobbs, the SCMB operates within the Department of Public Safety. Its mission is to enhance community safety through research-driven standards that reduce recidivism and prioritize victim protection. The board uses the risk-need-responsivity model and other evidence-based correctional frameworks to develop statewide policy recommendations.

Board Membership Includes

- Judicial officers
- Law enforcement and corrections professionals
- Licensed mental health and treatment experts
- Victim advocates
- Probation and supervision officers
- Legal professionals (prosecutors and defense)
- Education and community representatives
- Representatives from both urban and rural Arizona

Source: Official SCMB Meeting Transcript, February 23, 2026 | azdps.gov/sex-offender-management-board | This document prepared for legislative outreach purposes.

Why the Amendment to SB2870 Does Not Resolve the Problem of Additional Housing Restrictions — and Why the Sex Offender Management Board Opposes It

Summary

As amended, SB2870 prohibits Level 2 and Level 3 registrants from residing together in a single-family dwelling, with limited exceptions for legally related individuals, certain pre-2026 community reentry centers, and certified behavioral health residential facilities. In practice, most shared housing arrangements for registrants do not qualify for these narrow exemptions. The bill would significantly reduce lawful housing options for individuals on probation or community supervision without creating additional treatment or supervision infrastructure. Stable housing is a foundational component of compliance and risk management. For these reasons, we respectfully ask you not to advance SB2870.

1. The Amendment Creates a Blanket Co-Residency Ban

The amended bill makes it unlawful for a Level 2 or Level 3 registrant who is on probation or community supervision to reside in a single-family dwelling with another registrant.

The only exceptions are:

- Individuals legally related by blood, marriage, or adoption
 - A state-operated community reentry center that began on or before January 1, 2026
 - A certified behavioral health residential facility subject to DHS oversight that commenced operation on or before January 1, 2026
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2. Most Shared Registrant Housing Does Not Qualify for These Exceptions

The majority of shared housing arrangements in Arizona:

- Are ordinary rental homes
- Are not state-operated community reentry centers
- Are not certified behavioral health residential facilities
- Do not operate as licensed residential treatment programs

Residents attend required treatment and supervision off-site through probation departments and licensed providers. The residence itself is not a treatment facility. As drafted, the bill would eliminate most shared housing arrangements currently used by compliant individuals under supervision.

3. The “Facility” Exceptions Are Extremely Narrow

The amendment exempts:

- Community reentry centers operated by the Department of Corrections that began operation on or before January 1, 2026
- Certified behavioral health residential facilities that commenced operation on or before January 1, 2026

This language:

- Freezes eligibility to existing facilities
- Prevents new facilities from qualifying
- Does not apply to ordinary shared housing
- Does not address cost-sharing living arrangements

In practice, very few registrants reside in state-operated reentry centers or licensed behavioral health residential facilities.

4. Practical Public Safety Implications

Reducing lawful housing options for individuals on probation or community supervision may result in:

- Increased housing instability
- Higher financial barriers to compliance
- Greater risk of homelessness
- Harder supervision logistics
- Movement into less stable or less visible housing arrangements

Stable housing is directly tied to supervision compliance, treatment participation, and monitoring effectiveness.

5. Existing Supervision Tools Already Address Risk

Probation departments already have authority to:

- Impose individualized housing conditions
- Restrict co-residency on a case-by-case basis
- Increase supervision where concerns arise
- Conduct inspections and compliance checks

If a particular living arrangement presents a supervision or safety concern, probation officers can address it directly through individualized conditions rather than through a blanket statutory prohibition.

Importantly, the Arizona Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) has emphasized that supervision and management tools should be applied locally and individually rather than through broad categorical housing restrictions and voted to OPPOSE this bill!

Conclusion

The amended version of SB2870 imposes a categorical co-residency ban that will significantly reduce lawful housing options for supervised individuals without expanding treatment capacity or supervision infrastructure. The narrow facility exemptions do not reflect how most registrant housing operates in practice. For these reasons, we respectfully ask you not to advance SB2870.