

UV4SOR Mailing Campaign

UV4SOR Advocates!

We have a Call to Action for contacting the American Law Institute (ALI) thanking the Council for approval of the proposed changes to their Model Penal Code on Sexual Assault and Related Offenses.

**INSTRUCTIONS:

Download the letter template titled “Call to Action Individual Thank You Letter to ALI” from the [UV4SOR website HERE](#) . Edit it with your personal information and current date, print and mail it to the name and address on the letter (The American Law Institute).

Note: If you cannot edit the letter in PDF format, copy and paste it into a new Word document. For help, you can [CONTACT US](#) with any questions – thank you!

**INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND:

Here is some information on the [ALI](#). We are sending these letters and encouraging everyone who is concerned with the registry and sexual offense laws - both state and federal - to support and contact the ALI and make our voices heard!

“ALI’s approval of the model penal code is the first of many steps leading to new registration laws in this nation.”

<https://all4consolaws.org/2022/03/ali-council-approves-most-of-model-penal-code/>

You may not have heard of the Model Penal Code, but it affects most of our lives. It was first published by the American Law Institute—an independent organization of thousands of lawyers, judges, and scholars—in 1962, with the goal of encouraging U.S. states to standardize their criminal codes. Though not legally binding, the Model Penal Code was hugely influential, with a majority of states adopting it wholly or in part. The current revision, almost a decade in the making, will guide states to update their laws based on knowledge that we’ve acquired over the past 60 years.

The changes affecting the management of sexual crime recommended by ALI revolve around four areas: limiting registerable offenses to the more dangerous ones; providing registry access to law enforcement only; modifying registration terms, especially abolishing lifetime registration and the ability to register children; and abolishing blanket restrictions that curtail all registrants’ rights and freedoms. *These recommendations made by ALI are evidence-based and will improve the law regarding crimes of a sexual nature and those who commit them.*

We are opposed to the sexual offender registry in any form, but these changes represent a positive departure from the current, ineffective system and, if implemented, would usher in laws that are evidence-based.