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The Honorable Brett Kavanaugh The Supreme Court of the United States One First Street N.E. Washington, D.C. 20543 August 19, 2022

Re: Parallels of Threats against Your Honor and Family

Dear Justice Kavanaugh,

We members of United Voices for Sex Offense Reform (UV4SOR) are writing to express our outrage at the inhumane and indefensible harassment that Your Honor, other justices, and your families have endured since the leaking of the Alito draft opinion in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization (Dobbs), and the Court's recent ruling resulting in the overturning of Roe v. Wade. Threats, harassment, violence, assassination attempts, and vigilante "justice" are never acceptable, and it is particularly troubling that these actions against Your Honor and other justices are based on misinformation believed by an uninformed public. Sadly, Your Honor and your family are experiencing collateral consequences, just as family members with a citizen on the sex offense registry endure regularly.

Politicized press, social media, and partisan politicians have misled the public to believe the result of the Court's ruling in the Dobbs case will make abortion illegal and inaccessible, when in reality the decision on women's' reproductive rights has been returned to the states. UV4SOR has compassion and empathy for Your Honor and your family, as many of our members and their families experience this same unfair treatment every day: based on misinformation believed by an uninformed public and spread by the same bad actors.<sup>1,2,3,45</sup> Even the Department of Justice has ignored the results of its own studies.<sup>67</sup>

The doxing of anyone's home address and personal information is inexcusable. The justices and your families have a right to privacy and to live your lives in peace and safety, as do all citizens. We know well those feelings of fear and angst, as the names, addresses, and even photographs of our loved ones are made public. Their information is conspicuously displayed in digital and print media, is easily accessed on the internet, frequently gets published in newspapers, and is distributed throughout the communities where we live on printed flyers without our consent. Numerous families of citizens forced to register who have paid their debt to society have been harmed emotionally, physically, and financially due to the doxing of personal information.<sup>8</sup>

As we watched the news reports, saw the demonstrations in front of your beautiful home, and learned of the assassination attempt against your life, UV4SOR members understood how worrisome life has been for the justices, and how truly terrifying life has been for your families.<sup>9,10</sup> Your Honor is just doing your job, living your best life with your family, and being of service to our nation. Your family should not be threatened, victimized, or discriminated against simply for loving and supporting you. You and your family should be able to dine safely and peacefully at a local restaurant and feel safe in your home. Your Honor's children should be free of harassment at their respective schools.<sup>11</sup>

United Voices for Sex Offense Reform is a national organization working to eliminate the lifelong stigma and collateral damage that is inherent with charges and convictions of non-contact internet and other sexual offenses within state and Federal jurisdictions. UV4SOR members firmly and unequivocally believe that no sexual abuse is ever acceptable. Our members have had angry mobs regularly demonstrating in our neighborhoods and vigilantes attempting to storm our residences.<sup>12</sup> Our members and thousands of other families remain on our guard twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week, and 365 days per year.<sup>13</sup> We have family members who have been threatened, robbed, injured, maimed, and even murdered by vigilantes simply for being related to a citizen forced to register.<sup>14,15,16</sup> We are regularly victims of vandalism, home invasions, and other violent crimes. Our children are ostracized and bullied at school.<sup>17</sup> In addition to violent retribution, we suffer economic discrimination and harm when spouses, parents, and other family members of citizens forced to register are-fired once employers learn they are related to someone on the registry.<sup>18</sup> Our family members are regularly discriminated against in hiring practices if the relationship is discovered during the application process, even though the family member has done nothing wrong.<sup>19</sup>

We are keenly aware that the House of Representatives held up passage of a bill to provide Your Honor and the other justices with Federal U.S. Marshals Service protection because it is a popular political position. The existing law prohibiting people from demonstrating within 100 feet of a justice or judge's home is not being enforced. Ensuring the justices' safety should never be political. Justices are entitled to and deserve this protection. Justices should be able to feel safe in their homes, and neglecting to enforce the Federal law in order to intimidate justices is punitive. Our families forfeit second amendment rights so our loved ones who are forced to register can live with us. We do not have the luxury of security and protection. The safety of citizens on the registry and their families is frequently not a priority for law enforcement either, so we understand.

In summary, UV4SOR believes any violent form of protest, harassment, or intimidation that Your Honor and family are currently experiencing is reprehensible and punitive. Threats, harassment, violence, and vigilante "justice" based on misinformation are never acceptablefor anyone to experience. Your Honor and your family's current experiences are analogous to the plight of our registered citizens who, unlike other individuals who have served their sentences, are forced onto an ineffective, punitive registry as is the plight of the family members who love and support them. Justice or janitor, everyone deserves the opportunity to enjoy the inalienable rights defined in the Declaration of Independence and acknowledged by the Framers of our Constitution

Justice Kavanaugh, it is UV4SOR's sincerest hope that when a case comes before the Court involving the punitive nature of the registry, Your Honor will reflect upon your own recent life experiences, and consider those experiences in your opinions and rulings. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Board of Directors, United Voices for Sex Offense Reform (contact@uv4sor.org)

cc: Members of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciarycc: Members of the United States House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary

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