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The Honorable Garey Bies
State Capitol
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, Wisconsin 53708

The Honorable Scott Suder
State Capitol
P.O. Box 8953
Madison, Wisconsin 53708

Dear Co-Chairs Bies and Suder:

Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the January 4, 2007 meeting of the Legislative Council Special Study Committee on Placement of Sex Offenders. In response to Representative Bies' request, I am writing to inform you of the concerns of private colleges and universities in the State of Wisconsin as they pertain to this issue. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on this Special Study Committee. I am appreciative of both of your and committee members' willingness to make improvements in the area of community notification, including specifically for colleges and universities. Many of our concerns have been outlined in the Legislative Council Staff Memorandum No. 2 dated November 13, 2006. However, I thought it was important to underscore the significance of these matters. (These are found on page two of the memorandum under the heading "Notification.")

Let me say at the outset that my conversations with representatives from the State's Department of Corrections regarding our various concerns have been received very positively and with the help of this Committee I am confident that we can put in place workable solutions to benefit all of the colleges and universities in this State.

As you know, unlike our public university safety patrol counterparts, we are non-sworn officers. At Marquette University, as a non-sworn Department of Public Safety (DPS), our department does not currently receive notification from law enforcement when an offender is placed near the University. Our department must regularly check the State's sex offender website to determine if an offender has moved near the campus community. Most private colleges and universities in this state must do the same thing. This would be a simple yet very helpful step in the process. Along these same lines, it would be helpful if all non-sworn college and university departments of public safety would have access to the sex offender registry data currently available to local law enforcement.

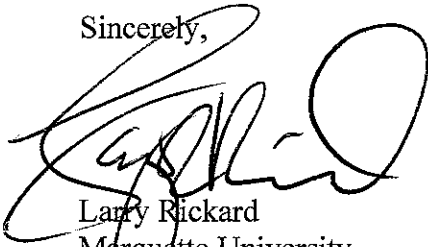
Another area of importance to non-sworn college and university law enforcement is to have direct access to an offender's global positioning system (GPS) tracking data. As the

research indicates, rapists of adult women are among those most likely to recidivate. As colleges and universities are areas with high concentrations of young adult women, many of whom are away from home for the first times in their lives, it is vitally important that they have access to the whereabouts of the State's most dangerous offenders.

Wisconsin Legislative Staff Memorandum No. 3 dated November 21, 2006 describes the requirements for GPS tracking and the establishment of exclusion zones for certain offenders. We are respectfully requesting that the State be mindful of using college and university patrol areas as exclusion zones where the offender is not permitted to go. Attached is a copy of our patrol area for your information.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve on this Committee and to provide you with additional information regarding our concerns. I am sorry that I will be unable to discuss this matter with you in person at our next meeting. Please feel free to contact me at (414) 288-7320 with any comments or concerns. Ms. Mary Czech-Mrochinski, Marquette's Director of State Relations, will be at the January 4, 2007 meeting if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry Rickard', written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Larry Rickard
Marquette University
Director and Chief of Public Safety

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