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Dear Mr. Musk:

The purpose of this letter is to request the elimination of all federal funding for the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) which is currently being implemented by several federal agencies and/or offices, including but not limited to the following. All of these agencies and offices have committed and continue to commit fraud, waste and abuse. It is estimated that annual funding for these agencies and offices exceeds \$10 billion.

1. Department of Justice Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART Office) for grants, contracts, salaries, overhead, website maintenance and operations.
2. Department of Justice Office of Justice Program for salaries, administration, grants, contract and overhead costs related to implementation of SORNA.
3. Department of Justice funding for the FBI for salaries, administration, grants, contracts and overhead costs.
4. Department of Justice U.S. Marshals Service National Sex Offender Targeting Center for salaries, administration, grants, contracts and overhead costs.
5. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program for salaries, administration, grants, contracts and overhead grants.
6. U.S. General Services Administration Offender Watch grants, salaries, contracts, overhead, website maintenance and operation as well as marketing outreach.
7. Department of State funding related to passport production costs for the addition of unique identifiers to the passports of U.S. citizens who have been convicted of a sex offense involving a minor even if that conviction is non-violent and does not include physical touch of another person.

Under SORNA, the federal government continues to punish all U.S. citizens who have been convicted of a sex offense regardless of whether that offense involved violence or physical touch of another person. For example, many individuals required to register as a sex offender have been convicted of possessing illegal images of a person under 18. In some cases, the images are of the person who was convicted such as a 16-year-old girl who took nude selfies and sent them to boys in her high school class. She was convicted not only of possessing illegal images but also creating and distributing those images and is now required to register as a sex offender for the rest of her lifetime. Many more teenagers are required to register as a sex offender after being convicted for offenses such as taking a Playboy magazine to school, clicking on a sex site on their phones or innocently falling for a sting operation.

In addition, under SORNA the federal government is attempting to usurp the power of state governments who have the responsibility to register those convicted of a sex offense. That is because the requirement to register is based on state law, not federal law, unless the individual was convicted in a federal court. Recently issued SORNA regulations are in fact requiring state and local governments to allocate limited resources, including funding and law enforcement personnel, to monitor people who have been determined to have a low risk of re-offense and do not pose a current danger to society. For example, SORNA requires state and local governments to register individuals four times a year even if state law only requires registration once a year.

Further, substantial federal government funding has been spent and continues to be spent monitoring the manifests of every flight that originates in the U.S. and has an overseas destination. If the federal government identifies a passenger as a person required to register, the federal government sends a notice to the receiving country stating that the person was convicted of a sex offense involving a minor. The message does not, however, state how long ago the person was convicted, nor does it state the definition of a minor. Although the U.S. defines a minor as a person under 18, the age of consent in many countries is much lower. More than half of the states in the U.S. also have an age of consent lower than 18.

Finally, federal government funding has been spent and continues to be spent adding a "unique identifier" to the passports of "covered sex offenders." Although these unique identifiers were originally added to an endorsement page toward the back of the passport, the unique identifiers are now added to page 1 of passports. It is important to note that the only countries in the history of the world that have added a Scarlet letter to the passports of their citizens are Nazi Germany and the USSR. In both cases, the Scarlet letters were added to Jewish passports. The United States should not repeat this abhorrent practice.

For the reasons stated above, the Alliance for Constitutional Sex Offense Laws, a national non-profit organization, requests the elimination of all federal funding for SORNA. Additional information regarding this important topic is available upon request. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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