

## Cuomo Ignores Calls to Stop Convicted Sex Offenders from being Placed in Group Homes

For years Governor Andrew Cuomo and his administration have been placing convicted sex offenders in group homes with the developmentally disabled

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EINPresswire.com/ -- "New York State Attorney General Barbara Underwood must legally direct Governor Andrew Cuomo, the Commissioners of DOCCS and OPWDD, as well as the Executive Director of the Justice Center, to immediately cease from placing convicted sex offenders from prison into state and private group homes for people with disabilities. The Attorney General must also ensure that all sex offenders placed within the system statewide are swiftly removed to protect our most vulnerable from



Governor Cuomo must immediately stop the placement of convicted sex offenders in group homes and remove the many dozens, if not hundreds, already placed. These illegal practices grossly endanger our most vulnerable.

preventable sexual assaults or rape. Anyone involved in committing these felonies must be held accountable to the full extent of the law."

Michael Carey – Civil Rights & Disability Rights Advocate – Founder of the Jonathan Carey

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Foundation whose 13 year old son Jonathan who had autism was killed by his caregivers in 2007

"Sex offenders have no business being housed with New York's most vulnerable population, and Andrew Cuomo must reverse course now! The thought alone is excruciating to this parent of a child with a developmental disability. I can't believe something so reckless was even conceived by this administration, much less approved."

"This outrageous and unacceptable plan must be stopped today, before a tragedy occurs. Not one sex offender should be moved into one of these facilities."

-Marc Molinaro – Gubernatorial Candidate & father of a child with developmental disabilities

"The notion that New York's most fragile population is being forced to live side by side with our most dangerous criminals disgusts me and it needs to stop immediately. This administration is endangering the lives and well-being of developmentally-disabled New Yorkers,"

Farley, the mother of a 16-year-old son with severe autism said, "Unless this stops immediately,

the message is that our children don't matter, that they are expendable because they are developmentally disabled."

-Inele Farley – U.S. Senate Candidate & mother of a child with severe autism

"Even with the limited information I have on this individual, I can't understand how a convicted felon, who was able to be sentenced and serve time in maximum-security state prison, could also be placed in a OPWDD state facility with vulnerable entities. I am very concerned for the Ashe's and the safety of their son. I stand in strong opposition to this felon being placed in this home with defenseless residents like Scotty.

-Jeffrey J. Murphy - Washington County Sheriff – friend of the Ashe family who had to fight extremely hard to keep a level 2 convicted sex offender from being placed in a state run group home with their developmentally disabled son

"Recently, I met with Michael Carey. The Primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss his concerns, and those of many others, with the placement of convicted, registered sex offenders in OPWDD Group homes."

"To the extent these concerns have State Government and Statewide impact, I assured him that your office would take those concerns seriously and investigate any and all credible allegations of criminal conduct."

-J Anthony Jordan – District Attorney of Washington County in a letter to NYS Attorney General Barbara Underwood on September 18, 2018

https://wnyt.com/news/plans-to-move-sex-offender-into-group-home-delayed/5056470/

https://poststar.com/news/local/state-halts-sex-offender-move-to-group-home-atleast/article\_b2fd1dfa-2776-53bc-b37e-a7e425e54c76.html

A number of NYS legislators have also expressed major concerns to Governor Cuomo directly regarding convicted sex offenders being wrongfully placed in state and private group homes throughout New York State.

"It is illegal; it is a class E felony to Endanger the Welfare of Incompetent and Physically Disabled Person. Moving convicted sex offenders in with the developmentally disabled, which in most cases is no different than moving them in with children, knowingly places our most vulnerable in a likely position of being sexually assaulted or raped." - Michael Carey

New York State Penal Law 260.25 which finally became a felony offense in 2012 after a 5 year battle with New York State following the death of Jonathan Carey cannot be any clearer.

"A person is guilty of endangering the welfare of an incompetent or physically disabled person in the first degree when he knowingly acts in a manner likely to be injurious to the physical, mental or moral welfare of a person who is unable to care for himself or herself because of physical disability, mental disease or defect.

Endangering the welfare of an incompetent or physically disabled person in the first degree is a class E felony." NYS Penal Law 260.25

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Governor Cuomo and his administration are out of control and appear to have no regard for the

safety or equal rights of 1,000,000 New Yorkers with disabilities. It is time for the top officials involved in these criminal cover-ups of rapes and deaths and the placement of sex offenders with the disabled which are civil rights atrocities to be indicted and held fully accountable for their crimes.

If you would like to help advocate and protect our most vulnerable and help fight to end this extreme corruption, please consider making a tax deductible gift to the Jonathan Carey Foundation. Thank you.

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