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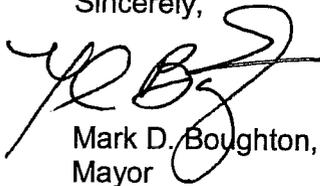
Hon. Members of the Common Council
City of Danbury

Dear Members of the Common Council:

Several municipalities throughout the country have recently adopted ordinances preventing persons convicted of sex offenses from coming within specified distances of parks, playgrounds, schoolyards and other places where children are likely to congregate. These restrictions are based on the generally high recidivism rates of sex offenders and the government's recognition that children are at risk if sexual predators are allowed in or near the public areas frequented by children. Several of these ordinances have survived constitutional and other challenges.

Connecticut's sex offender registry indicates that some 30 convicted sex offenders reside in Danbury. I recommend that the Council form a committee to explore, with the advice of Corporation Counsel, the adoption of a sex offender ordinance. The children of Danbury are our most valuable resource, and we owe it to them to enact appropriate and enforceable safeguards to protect them from the threat of abuse.

Sincerely,



Mark D. Boughton,
Mayor