

Community Protection and Public Child Sex Offender Register (Daniel's Law) Bill 2025

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I am writing in strong support of the Community Protection and Public Child Sex Offender Register (Daniel's Law) Bill 2025. At its core, this Bill is about one of the most basic rights we have as parents, carers and citizens: the right to protect our children from harm. For too long the system has focused on protecting the privacy of offenders, while families have been left without the information they need to keep children safe. Daniel's Law recognises what every parent knows instinctively: children are vulnerable, and our first duty is to keep them safe. Child sex offences are among the most damaging crimes. The harm does not end with the act itself. It continues to affect a child's wellbeing, mental health, trust and sense of safety throughout their life. Families deserve every possible tool to reduce the risk of this kind of trauma. A public register empowers parents and communities with knowledge. This is not about punishment after the fact. It is about prevention. By knowing who poses a risk, families can make informed decisions about where they live, who cares for their children, and how to keep them safe in everyday life. This law will reduce the workload on the police and our mental health system. Every child has the right to grow up free from the threat of sexual abuse. Parents also have the right to protect their children. These rights must come before the desire of convicted offenders to remain anonymous once they have served their sentence. Rehabilitation can and should be supported, but never at the cost of placing children at risk. Daniel's Law is also about rebuilding trust within communities. Parents should not be left guessing whether offenders are nearby with no way of knowing who they are. This Bill will ensure families are better informed. It offers peace of mind and strengthens communities by creating a shared responsibility for child safety. The safety of children is not negotiable. We cannot afford to leave parents without the tools they need to protect their sons and daughters from predators. Daniel's Law provides transparency, strengthens prevention and makes child protection the priority it should always be. I urge Parliament to pass this Bill without delay.