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Dear Dr. Waterland:

Pursuant to RCW 9.94A.8673, the Sex Offender Policy Board (SOPB) serves to advise the Governor and the Legislature as necessary on issues relating to sex offender management. The Governor or a legislative committee of jurisdiction may request that the SOPB convene to undertake projects to assist policymakers in making informed judgments about issues relating to sex offender policy.

In order to assist the Governor and policy makers in determining the most effective sentencing and supervision laws and policies, the Governor is requesting the SOPB to review sex offender supervision and sentencing law, policies and practices in Washington and other states to identify research and best practices for sex offender supervision and sentencing. Additionally, the Sentencing Guidelines Commission is undertaking a review of adult sentencing laws in Washington. In order to assist in that effort the SOPB is requested to work with the Sentencing Guidelines Commission where appropriate to assist in this effort. To that end, our office requests that the SOPB undertake the following projects:

1. Conduct a review of current sex offender supervision policies and practices in Washington. This review should include an analysis of the process by which supervision levels are assigned to offenders;
2. Review research regarding supervision of sex offenders and identify "best practices" for supervision;
3. Collaborate with the Sentencing Guidelines Commission in their review of sex offender sentencing laws in Washington to assist in reviewing research and best practices related to sentencing and reducing recidivism; and
4. Provide recommendations relating to supervision and sentencing that will enhance the safety of the public.

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Please submit this work product by December 1, 2017. We appreciate the time and expertise of the members of the SOPB and their contribution to helping policymakers make informed decisions for the good of Washingtonians.

Sincerely,



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