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Superior Court of Ventura County
Attn: Hon. Nancy L. Ayers
800 S Victoria Ave,
Ventura, CA 93009

RE: Sexually Violent Predator Ross Wollschlager's Placement in San Bernardino County

Dear Honorable Nancy Ayers,

I am vehemently opposed to the relocation of Ross Wollschlager to Joshua Tree and am extremely concerned about the public safety risk this poses to constituents in my district.

Mr. Wollschlager's heinous criminal history includes convictions for raping multiple women and the molestation of a 10-year-old girl. Despite serving several prison sentences, Mr. Wollschlager has not proven rehabilitated as he continually commits crimes upon reentering society.

The proposed relocation site for Mr. Wollschlager is close to several transportation corridors that are heavily relied upon by residents, schools, and visitors. He will also be near Joshua Tree National Park, a venue that attracts more than 3 million visitors annually. Placement of Mr. Wollschlager near these locations will provide an unnecessary risk to families and tourists.

Mr. Wollschlager does not have a connection to the community or San Bernardino County. As a rural and unincorporated place in San Bernardino County, Joshua Tree does not have the same access to law enforcement assistance as urban areas. This restraint would make it more difficult to mitigate the increased public safety risk that comes with the relocation of a sexual predator.

It is unacceptable to subject the residents of our rural area to the dangers posed by this habitual criminal. There is no extraordinary circumstance that should justify relocating a sexual predator to a location they have no connection to and that is unequipped to handle the risk.

I stand with the community members of Joshua Tree, local law enforcement and the District Attorney in strong opposition to this placement and ask that upon Mr. Wollschlager's release he

be returned to Ventura County. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (916) 651-4016.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Grove", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Shannon Grove

Senate Republican Leader, 16th District

CC: San Bernardino County District Attorney
San Bernardino County Sheriff John McMahon
Representative Paul Cook
Assemblymember Chad Mayes
Supervisor Dawn Rowe