

**SUPPORT Response to HB 5016**

**To clarify those required to register sex offenders, who must register temporary addresses.**

**February 2, 2026**

House Judiciary Committee:

[West Virginians for Rational Sexual Offense Laws \(WVRSOL\)](#) is a West Virginia non-profit association and an affiliate of the [National Association for Rational Sexual Offense Laws \(NARSOL\)](#), which advocates for society's segment that is adversely affected by the sex offender registry. We help families impacted by the registry, seek ways to maintain and improve public safety, recommend prudent use of state funding in this area, and work to ensure that proposed legislation is constitutional.

WVRSOL **SUPPORTS HB 5016**, because it clarifies exactly how people without a permanent address can register with the state. WVRSOL supports this bill because it replaces ambiguity with clear rules, helping everyone stay in compliance with the law.

WVRSOL supports legislation that reduces abuse and sexual offenses, helps children and families, and improves public safety. HB 5016 provides straightforward, actionable guidelines for unhoused residents to remain compliant with the West Virginia Sex Offender Registry. Therefore, we **SUPPORT** and respectfully urge the House, its members, and the House Judiciary Committee to **vote in favor of HB 5016**.

Sincerely,

*Philip W. Kaso*

Philip W. Kaso, Executive Director

West Virginians for Rational Sexual Offense Laws | 310-402-3861 | [wvrsol@gmail.com](mailto:wvrsol@gmail.com)

