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Dear Mr. Welch:

Thank you for your recent letter to Secretary Marla Graff Decker concerning including the name of the business for those persons listed on the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry.

Section 9.1-913, *Code of Virginia*, provides that certain information be made available to the public via the Internet. This information includes the offender's name, all aliases he has used or under which he may have been known, the date and locality of the conviction and a brief description of the offenses, his age, current address and photograph and such other information as the State Police may determine is necessary to preserve public safety.

At the urging of this administration, the Department of State Police has used its discretion to ensure public safety by listing the name of the business for those persons listed on the registry. The Department feels strongly that the public should have this information available so informed decisions can be made in the protection of our children and the vulnerable population.

At this time, this Department has no plans to change the current policy of listing the name of the business on the Virginia Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry.

I trust this information has been of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. G. Kemmer".

Robert G. Kemmer, Lieutenant Colonel
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and Support Services

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