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**RE: H1365 An Act relative to sex offender classification**  
**DT: 8 December 2015**

Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary,

Thank you for considering *H1365, An Act relative to sex offender classification* before your committee on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

This bill would change the wording of the guidelines for sex offender classification for the Sex Offender Registry Board from considering a 'mental abnormality' to a diagnosis of 'pedophilia'. A mental abnormality may or may not have anything to do with subsequent sexual criminal reoffending. A mental abnormality could be ADHD, Depression or PTSD, none of which have anything to do with sex offending.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *H1365, An Act relative to sex offender classification* be released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Heroux".

Paul Heroux