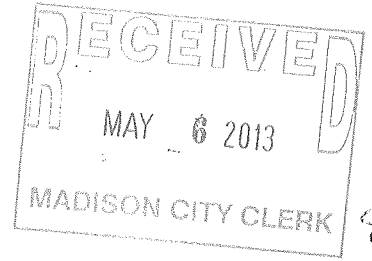


May 6, 2013



Dear Madison City Council Members:

I share your belief that the protection, health and safety of the community is of the utmost responsibility of all members of the community. However, there is a contradiction in place - these are rules and regulations that deny a convicted sex offender to work in broad areas without exception. I believe this denies the community the chance to re-integrate persons that are otherwise able to work in the community without reoffending. I have gone through treatment to address my deficiencies while in prison and have learned to address these needs and change the person I once was. I continue to learn and grow into a person that has recognized the error of past behavior and I have the diligence to stay active in recovery so that there is no regression.

I believe the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Social Services have used competent judgment in clearing men and women leaving the prison system so that they can adjust to societal living with high success rates not to reoffend. Because the laws and rules are too vague, many are denied the opportunity to re-integrate into society. This demonstrates the need to not blindly label people and make assumptions based on fear and ignorance.

I believe that an offender should not work in areas that directly relate to the offence. For example, an offender convicted of sexual assault of a child should not work in areas that would involve directly working with children in a position of teacher, day care worker or crossing guard. My situation as applying for a taxi driver opening does not directly work with children as the company can screen clients and chose to not have me pick up unaccompanied minors. If a child is with an adult this also provides security. By denying me this opportunity, the interpretation of the laws by the council are denying me the right to work and give back to the community. I have taken from the state and community by offending. I want to give back to the community by becoming a productive member of society.

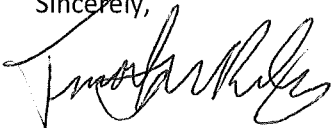
I ask that my right to be a law abiding citizen be returned to me. I am already able to vote as I have been discharged from my sentence and have been rehabilitated. I ask to be allowed to work and earn money so that I may give back to the state by paying taxes. People make mistakes and should be allowed the opportunity to overcome them. By hindering a person's ability to work is to degrade that person. The right to work is a basic human right. To paraphrase Thomas Jefferson, All humans are created equal and have the rights for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. How can we deny this

great idea by not allowing ex-offenders the right to work and thus improve not only their lives but the fabric of the community.

In addressing concerns of public safety, I believe that the Green Cab Company has GPS devices fitted into their cabs. This device will keep an accurate tracking of my whereabouts and report my location to the dispatcher. Thus I would be tracked above the standard of the law.

I ask the Council to review these laws and regulations at the City level and dialog with the state's lawmakers so that truly effective re-integration can occur. Thus we can better protect the public by assisting the ex-offender in locating and keeping gainful employment and allowing the ex-offender the chance to give back to the community. I ask the Council to meet and discuss necessary changes in policy at its earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy W. Riley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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