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My name is Amanda Martin. I am a survivor of domestic abuse, a volunteer victim advocate, and the person who named this proposal Adriaunna’s Law.  
 For years, I lived in silence.  
 More than silence, I lived in fear.  
 There were moments I truly believed I might not survive my relationship. I personally almost lost my life due to domestic violence. That is not something anyone should have to say, and yet too many survivors could.  
 My abuser was not a first-time offender. He was a repeat abuser. I did not know that when I entered the relationship. I did not have a way to know. That lack of information nearly cost me everything.  
 Domestic abuse is not always visible. It is control, manipulation, threats, isolation, and the slow destruction of your sense of self. Survivors stay because they are afraid, because they are isolated, because they are manipulated into believing they have no options. I stayed longer than I should have because I did not know who I was truly dealing with, and I did not have tools that could have helped me protect myself sooner.  
 Today, it is my purpose to help others who are in the same position I once was, and to prevent domestic abuse before it escalates to tragedy. As a volunteer victim advocate, I have sat with survivors who later discovered they were not the first victim. Many abusers repeat their behavior again and again, relying on secrecy to continue harming others. That is why this registry matters.  
 Adriaunna was only 12 years old, when she was kidnapped and murdered by a repeat domestic abuser. She was a young lady with a future, with laughter, with dreams that should have had decades to grow. I knew Adriaunna personally. I know her family. I have seen the devastation her loss caused. Her life mattered. Her family matters. Her name deserves to stand for something that protects others.  
 I named this proposal Adriaunna’s Law because I refused to let her become just another statistic. Her name should not only be remembered in grief, but in prevention, accountability, and action. This law ensures that when we say her name in this chamber, it is tied to protection, not just tragedy. A domestic abuser registry is not about revenge.  
 It is about transparency.  
 It is about informed consent in relationships.  
 It is about stopping repeat offenders from moving quietly from victim to victim, home to home, state to state.  
 Survivors deserve to know who they are dealing with. Parents deserve to protect their children. Communities deserve to be informed. And abusers should not be shielded by secrecy while victims carry the burden of silence.  
 If this kind of tool had existed, my story, and many others might have been different.  
 We cannot bring Adriaunna back.

**We cannot undo the fear and trauma survivors have lived through.**

**But we can prevent future harm.**

**Passing Adriaunna's Law tells survivors that Missouri sees them and believes them. It tells families like Adriaunna's that her life will protect others. And it tells offenders that secrecy and silence are no longer their allies.**

**Please pass this bill.**

**Let Adriaunna's name be a shield for others.**

**Thank you.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am in Support of this Bill. The creation of the "Persistent Domestic Violence Offenders" Website by the Missouri Department of Public Safety and The Missouri Highway Patrol for Public viewing and consumption is needed for enhanced Public safety.



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To the Honorable Members of the Missouri Crime and Safety Committee:

My name is Courtney Leader, and I am writing in strong support of HB 2997 (BreAnna's Law), HB 3012 (Adriaunna's Law), and HB 3058, which would establish a public registry of persistent domestic violence offenders in Missouri. I am not here as a policy expert or advocate. I am here as a mother whose daughter's life was forever altered because critical information about a repeat offender was not accessible to me when I needed it most.

My daughter, Cyrina Leader, was 4.5 months old when she was nearly killed by her 'father'—the man who was in the delivery room when she was born, who helped with diapering and supported me through postpartum recovery. While we were on a waiting list for daycare, I entrusted him with her care. I had no reason to believe she was in danger. I had no way of knowing what he had done before. On that day, he inflicted injuries so severe that nine years later, Cyrina still lives with the consequences every single day. She suffered a fractured skull, bilateral brain bleeds, blood in her eyes, broken ribs, and extensive bruising. She was diagnosed with acquired cerebral palsy. She has endured over 20 surgeries and procedures. She takes daily medications to control seizures and muscle spasticity. She attends weekly therapies and travels 3.5 hours each way to see specialists. She requires private duty nursing services through Medicaid and recently became eligible for self-directed support services after years on a waitlist. Cyrina will need care for the rest of her life because of what was done to her as an infant.

Her abuser was convicted and sentenced to 12 years in prison. He served 9 years and has since been released.

Here is what I learned only after he accepted a plea deal: He had committed a similar crime against another child in Oklahoma—a child he was also the "father" of.

An acquaintance told me about the Oklahoma case after it was too late to protect Cyrina. That information existed. It was in a court record somewhere. But it was not accessible to me—not as a mother making decisions about who to trust with my infant daughter, not as someone trying to protect my child.

If a public registry like the one proposed in these bills had existed, I could have searched his name. I would have seen his prior conviction for violence against a child in his care. I would have made a different choice. Cyrina's life would look entirely different today.

These bills are not theoretical to me. They represent exactly the kind of transparency that could have prevented my daughter's suffering.

The registry proposed in HB 2997, HB 3012, and HB 3058 would make publicly available the names, photographs, conviction dates, and offense information of individuals with multiple convictions for domestic violence against family or household members. It would be maintained by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and accessible online to anyone—employers, neighbors, parents, and future partners.

**This is the information that should have been available to me. This is the protection that every parent, every vulnerable person, deserves.**

**I understand the concerns some may raise about registries—about rehabilitation, about second chances, about privacy. But these bills include reasonable safeguards. They apply only to repeat offenders—those with at least one prior conviction. Names are removed from the registry after periods ranging from five to twenty years, depending on the number of prior offenses. First-time failures to register result in fines and an opportunity to comply, not immediate criminal penalties.**

**These are measured, reasonable protections designed to give the public access to information about individuals who have demonstrated a pattern of violence against the most vulnerable members of their households.**

**The alternative—the current system—means that dangerous patterns remain hidden. It means that abusers can move across state lines, start new relationships, gain access to new victims, and repeat their violence without anyone knowing their history. It means more children like Cyrina suffer preventable injuries. It means more families endure preventable tragedies.**

**Cyrina is nine years old now. My current husband has adopted her. She is strong, resilient, and loved. But she will never have the childhood she should have had. She will never have the independence she deserves. And I will never stop asking myself: What if I had known? What if that information had been public? What if there had been a registry?**

**These three bills—BreAnna's Law, Adriaunna's Law, and HB 3058—give you the opportunity to answer those questions for other families. To ensure that the next mother, the next employer, the next person considering whether to trust someone with a child or a vulnerable loved one, has access to the information they need to make an informed decision.**

**This registry will not undo what happened to Cyrina. But it can prevent the next tragedy. It can save the next child.**

**I respectfully urge you to support HB 2997, HB 3012, and HB 3058, and to give Missouri families the transparency and protection they deserve.**

**Thank you for your time and consideration.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Courtney Leader**

**Mother of Cyrina Leader**



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I am in full support of this bill. Dv aggersors should be made public to save future victims from becoming another case number or worse a long live hashtag.



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Domestic violence is a serious issue and offenders should be noted. Domestic violence is one of the largest threats to the health and safety of women and children it results in battery and death. To protect people overall having such a list similar to that of sex offenders would go a long way to protecting people at risk. It would also help prevent people with this history of violence from working in jobs that would put them in career roles that would increase the violence.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>SHERRY L BUCHANAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**MO has ignored the lethality and psychological terror of domestic violence for far too long. These measures should be enshrined.**



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I'm not opposed to a public safety database.

I am opposed to unconstitutional shortcuts. If the state wants public disclosure, it must earn it through due process, narrow tailoring, and evidence — not automatic branding.

a public database can be constitutional, if it is designed as a civil safety tool, not a shadow punishment.

The problem with HB 3012 isn't the concept — it's that it skips the guardrails.

What a lawful version must include

**1. Purpose Lock: Safety, Not Punishment**

The statute must explicitly state that the database exists solely for public safety and prevention, not deterrence, stigma, or retribution — and then actually structure the program to match that claim.

Courts don't care what lawmakers say; they care what the system does.

**2. Individualized Judicial Finding**

No automatic placement.

A judge must make specific, written findings that:  
the individual presents a current risk of repeated violence,  
less restrictive alternatives are insufficient, and  
public disclosure is narrowly tailored to mitigate that risk.

Without this, the database becomes punitive by default.

**3. Limited, Non-Stigmatizing Public Data**

Public-facing information should be minimal and functional, not shaming:

- offense category (not narrative details)
- risk designation (low / medium / high)

jurisdiction  
no photos unless strictly necessary  
no historical offense descriptions  
no conviction stacking language

If it reads like a “wanted poster,” it will fail.

#### 4. Clear Off-Ramp & Periodic Review

There must be:  
automatic sunset of public listing, and  
mandatory periodic judicial review with the burden on the state to justify continued inclusion.

Permanent or near-permanent publication is where registries die in court.

#### 5. Robust Due Process

At minimum:  
notice,  
right to counsel,  
evidentiary hearing,  
right to appeal,  
expedited correction mechanism for errors.

A public database without fast correction is a civil-rights liability waiting to happen.

#### 6. Victim-Safety Guardrails

The statute must affirmatively protect victims by:  
allowing victims to opt out of public linkage,  
prohibiting data use that facilitates retaliation or stalking,  
including penalties for misuse of database information.

Public safety ? public access without limits.

#### 7. Independent Oversight

This is critical.

A lawful database requires:  
independent audits,  
reporting to the legislature,  
public metrics showing whether it actually reduces harm.

If outcomes aren’t measured, the justification collapses.

In closing, if the General Assembly wishes to build policy that survives judicial scrutiny, protects victims, and preserves the integrity of our legal system, it must resist the urge to legislate by impulse. Public registries are not inherently unlawful — but unlawful execution will collapse even well-intended ideas.

Lawmakers who hope to serve in future legislatures should begin by voting no on bills that shortcut due process, expand punishment under the guise of safety, or expose the state to predictable constitutional challenge.

Missouri does not need symbolic laws; it needs lawful ones.