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ACLU opposes Dover sex offender ordinance

The American Civil Liberties Union of Delaware (ACLU-DE) opposes a Dover proposal that would prevent registered sex offenders from living or working within 500 feet of licensed day care centers.



The group says the proposal would be ineffective and is asking Dover City Council members to oppose the ordinance. The measure may be up for a vote on Monday.

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Federal statistics show that only 7 percent of sex offenders now, the group said in its letter.

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