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Legislators should help to lock up sex offenders, not act like them.

There should be no tolerance for any official who abuses a position of trust. No patience for representatives unwilling to give you the respect and protection you deserve.

I speak from experience. I'm a 30-year law enforcement officer who locked up sex offenders. I was also a school board member, city council member and state legislator.

In each job, I spoke for real people. I respected them and the office. We need more of that now. Instead, it's been scandal after scandal from politicians looking out for themselves.

We shouldn't put up with that.

In the State Capitol and here at home, I made real progress. School and child safety. Tax reform. Sex offender laws. Education.

My bill kept sex offenders from practicing medicine and I helped increase the minimum distance sexual predators must live away from schools.

I championed anti-nepotism policies, passed a code of ethics for school boards, and reduced the utility user tax. And I authored legislation giving our kids the right start in life through full-day kindergarten, which also made it easier for working parents to have their young children in school.

Candidates want you to believe they're perfect. No one is. But I don't back down. I listen and learn and fight for the people I represent.

I think we share a common bond. That values of trust, respect, and accountability matter, and that we demand results. I hope you will agree.