

Amish Shah Has Repeatedly Voted Against Holding Sexual Predators Accountable; And He Voted Against Requiring Sex Offenders To Notify The Local Authorities And Schools Of Their Sex Offender Status

In 2023, Shah Voted Against Creating “A Website With The Names, Addresses And Photographs Of Sex Offenders”

On June 13, 2023, Shah Voted Against Senate Bill 1583. (S.B. 1583, Passed 31-26-3, 6/13/23, Shah Voted Nay)

- **Senate Bill 1583 Would Have Created “A Website With Names, Address And Photographs Of Sex Offenders.”** “S.B.1586 Sex offender website Creates a website with the names, addresses and photographs of sex offenders 06/13/2023 House-Third Reading No Oppose” (“Scorecard,” [Progress Arizona](#), Accessed 8/4/24)

In 2023, Kayleigh Kozak Testified In Support Of Senate Bill 1583. “All low-risk sex offenders would be required to be listed on the sex offender registry under a Republican proposal that critics say is retroactive and would take away the discretion of law enforcement to review risk assessments. Currently, the sex offender registry website must include any offender whose risk assessment has been determined to be a Level Two or Level Three, or any person assessed to be a Level One offender and whose victim was under 12 years old. The proposed law, Senate Bill 1583 would punish Level One offenders who were 18 years or older at the time of the offense and were sentenced for a dangerous crime against children on or after August 9, 2017. ‘Pedophiles, particularly those who have committed a crime against a child, know how to circumvent are not going to be forthcoming with this information. Clearly, they have no boundaries, by putting this on the sex offender website, we are giving the public accurate and truthful information,’ Kayleigh Kozak, a sexual assault survivor, said at a March 7 Senate Judiciary Committee meeting. The bill’s sponsor, Sen. Sine Kerr, R-Buckeye, explained that information about sex offenders is already open to the public and can be acquired at the court for a fee. Victims and their families urged lawmakers to pass the measure.” (Isabela Gamez/UA Don Bolles Fellow, GOP bill would add all low-risk sex offenders to Arizona’s online registry, [AZ Mirror](#), 4/3/23)

Kayleigh Kozak Of Maricopa County Was Molested By Her Coach When She Was 12. “A convicted sex offender who admitted to molesting his 12-year-old student nearly two decades ago returned to a Maricopa County courtroom Friday asking a judge to terminate his lifetime probation, a condition he agreed to in exchange for avoiding prison time. Josh Jacobson, a former teacher and soccer coach, argued he has paid his debt to society after living under strict court restrictions for 19 years. But his victim, now an adult, offered emotional testimony urging the judge to keep the supervision in place. This marks the second time Jacobson has petitioned to revoke the lifetime probation agreement he accepted instead of serving jail time. Kayleigh Kozak, Jacobson’s victim, faced him in court Friday morning and delivered a tearful statement nearly 20 years after she says she was groomed and molested by her teacher and coach. ‘I will never be given a second chance from the things that he chose to do to me,’ Kozak told the judge. ‘I am living proof that he is capable of sexually harming children.’ Kozak said she will never be convinced Jacobson is ready to live in society without supervision. ‘No one should have to endure this hell that this man has dragged me through and my entire family,’ she said. ‘Yet somehow the system seems to continue to allow it.’” (Alexis Dominguez, “Phoenix-Area Sex Offender Wants Lifetime Probation Lifted After Nearly 20 Years,” [Arizona’s Family News](#), 2/20/26)

Kozak’s Coach, As Of February 2026 Still “Refused To Submit To State-Ordered Sex Offender Risk Assessments, A Requirement Of His Probation.” “Outside the courtroom, Jacobson described some of the restrictions he has lived under, including prohibitions on contact with minors without probation department approval. Parents of children he encounters must sign notarized letters allowing contact. Jacobson’s attorney argued that after nearly 20 years, he has completed required treatment and developed necessary life skills to live independently. ‘We believe that after almost 20 years, it’s not unreasonable to be asking at this point to let him off of probation,’ the attorney said. But prosecutors presented a different picture, arguing that for the past four years,

Jacobson has refused to submit to state-ordered sex offender risk assessments, a requirement of his probation. ‘It’s part of the punishment for what you did,’ a prosecutor told the court.” (Alexis Dominguez, “Phoenix-Area Sex Offender Wants Lifetime Probation Lifted After Nearly 20 Years,” [Arizona’s Family News](#), 2/20/26)



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As Of 2026, Kozak Worked As A Senior Manager Of The “America Combats Child Exploitation Initiative” At The America First Policy Institute. “Kayleigh Kozak serves as the Senior Manager for the America Combats Child Exploitation Initiative at the America First Policy Institute, where she is committed to developing and advances policy with the goal of ending the scourge of trafficking and child exploitation and ensuring harsh penalties and accountability for those who cause harm. Kozak is widely recognized as the namesake of “Kayleigh’s Law,” a significant legislative achievement enacted in multiple states, which provides critical protections for survivors of sexual and domestic abuse. Her dedication to advocacy has also contributed to the successful passage of numerous bipartisan bills aimed at enhancing victim protections and promoting justice. Among her accomplishments, Kozak championed policies that resulted in approximately 7,000 sex offenders, previously classified as low-risk despite convictions under A.R.S. 13-705 for dangerous crimes against children, being added to the public registry. She also led efforts to ensure that convicted sex offenders with parental rights notify their children’s schools of their offender status. Additionally, Kozak co-chaired a high-profile ballot measure campaign, which achieved historic success by securing natural life sentences for individuals convicted of sex trafficking minors. Her work reflects a deep commitment to educating the public on the complexities of sex crimes and the profound impact on survivors and their families. A graduate of Liberty University, Kozak holds a bachelor’s degree in interdisciplinary studies with a focus on Family Christian Counseling. She is a wife and mother of five, who spent years raising her children before channeling her passion into advocacy. Outside of her professional job, she enjoys walking in nature, riding her Harley motorcycle, and takes her coffee just as seriously as her work!” (Kayleigh Kozak, [America First Policy Institute](#), Accessed 7/17/26)

In 2023, Shah Voted Against Requiring Sex Offenders To Notify Their Child’s School Of Their Sex Offender Status

On August 4, 2023, Shah Voted Against Senate Bill 1253. (AZ S.B.1253, Passed 31-26-3, 3/29/23, Shah Voted Nay, [LegiScan](#), Accessed 8/4/24)

- **Senate Bill 1253 Would Require Sex Offenders To Notify Their Child’s School Of Their Sex Offender Status.** “This bill amends Arizona law to require sex offenders who are the legal guardians of students to annually notify the principal or administrator of the student's school about their sex offender registration status within 10 days of the student's enrollment. If the sex offender is on probation, their probation officer must also annually determine if this notification requirement applies and verify that the school has received the notification.” (AZ S.B.1253, Passed 31-26-3, 3/29/23, Shah Voted Nay, [LegiScan](#), Accessed 8/4/24)

Kayleigh Kozak Advocated In Support Of SB 1253. “Kozak advocated for the passage of SB 1253 which would have required all registered sex offenders with parental rights to notify the school their child attends. Some spoke out against the bill in committee hearings. “This bill suggests people on the registry are lurking on their own child's school grounds looking to re-offend,” said Patricia Borden of Arizonans for Rational Sex Offense Laws. Some Democrats who opposed the bill argued DPS should notify the schools, not the offenders, to prevent the children of offenders from being bullied. ‘We never asked that it be publicized in the school. We didn't want it to be on a billboard in the parking lot or a weekly newsletter sent home. It was simply for the administrative staff to be made aware of who these offenders are,’ Kozak said. Kozak did not have an issue with DPS being the reporting agency and hoped that could be worked out. The bill passed along party lines, but Hobbs vetoed it. (Bianca Buono, “Victims' Advocate Says She Was Uninvited To Speak After She Was Critical Of Gov. Hobbs' Veto Of Sex Offender Bill,” [NBC News 12 Phoenix](#), 4/13/23)

“Kozak Is The Name Behind Kayleigh's Law, A Law That Gives Victims Protection From Their Abusers For Life” “In her first 100 days in office, Gov. Katie Hobbs has vetoed close to 50 bills. One of them would have required registered sex offenders with parental rights to notify their child's school of their status and criminal record. The move has devastated a victims' advocate who spearheaded the bill. ‘I really had hoped that this wouldn't be a political issue,’ said Kayleigh Kozak. Kayleigh Kozak is the name behind Kayleigh's Law, a law that gives victims protection from their abusers for life. Kozak is now devoted to advocating for stronger sex offender laws. She focused on a loophole in the sex offender registry where, under current law, sex offenders notify schools in their neighborhood, which is not always where their kids go. For Kozak, it hit close to home. ‘The man who sexually abused me when I was a child has school-aged children and the school that they were attending had no idea that he was a registered sex offender,’ Kozak said. ‘There's lots of charter schools and lots of private schools. And there are sex offenders whose children attend those schools.’” (Bianca Buono, “Victims' Advocate Says She Was Uninvited To Speak After She Was Critical Of Gov. Hobbs' Veto Of Sex Offender Bill,” [NBC News 12 Phoenix](#), 4/13/23)

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