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Dear YMCA Members and Guests

The safety of all of our children and members is of vital importance to the YMCA. The Y is introducing a new system in all of our facilities, called Raptor, which will help us continue to emphasize child safety as a top priority.

We will run identifications through an on-the-spot sex offender database for those 16 years and older that reports convictions of sex-related offenses locally and nationally.

Teaming with Raptor will immediately minimize the risk of known sex offenders becoming Y members, visiting the Y or becoming volunteers. With Raptor, we will scan identification of every person who uses our facility, including members, community members and guests.

Further, we plan to scan our entire database every three months to discover whether anyone in our database has a sex offense conviction after their initial identification scan. Members with sex offense convictions are not allowed to enter our Y facilities.

We will work diligently to minimize any disruption to the check-in process for our members by having additional staffing on hand to prevent backups. The sole purpose of Raptor is to improve child and member safety.

Thank you assisting us in our commitment to safety for all at the Y.

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CEO/Executive Director

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