

Dear _____,

Nothing is more important to Canada, and to Canadians, than our children. Yet right now, across the country, 45,000 men are trafficking in computer images of young children being sexually abused and violated. Research consistently shows that 40 per cent of these men are also actively abusing kids, which means there are at least 16,000 child abusers across the country.

This is a national epidemic. It is staggering.

Internet child abuse traffickers leave electronic footprints that have led law enforcement right to their computer terminals. In the last few years there has been a significant shift to accessing the Internet through mobile devices. Popular social networking and instant messaging applications have been specifically adapted for mobile phones. Currently, Internet Service Providers (ISPs) do not keep a log of Internet Protocol (IP) addresses assigned to mobile devices, and there is no law requiring them to do so. If a child is lured or goes missing, law enforcement cannot trace it to a source if the communication has taken place through a mobile application.

I know that you believe, like I do, that we must do everything possible to protect children from child abuse aided by the Internet. We need new legislature that requires Internet Service Providers to log IP addresses assigned to mobile devices, and to share IP addresses with law enforcement when necessary for online investigations. This is essential for helping law enforcement solve online child abuse cases and rescue children from this horrific abuse.

Sincerely,

(sign your name here)