

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 wireless Internet connections, which provide Internet access to anyone with a laptop in that area without providing any sort of subscriber identification information. Wireless connections are therefore attractive venues for online offenders because they provide a measure of anonymity unattainable through an Internet service subscription. As this trend continues it will be increasingly difficult for law enforcement to find online offenders.

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 providers of wireless public Internet connections to obtain identification information from users before they connect wirelessly. Furthermore law enforcement should be given access to this information when they require it for an investigation. This is essential for helping law enforcement solve online child abuse cases and rescue children from this horrific abuse.

Sincerely,

(sign your name here)