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March 14, 2007

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John S. McCain  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Schumer and McCain:

On Behalf of Enough Is Enough, I want to thank you for sponsoring S. 431, the “Keeping the Internet Devoid of Sexual-Predators (KIDS) Act of 2007”; this legislation will provide social networking sites with a critical tool to safeguard our children from Internet predators and sex offenders.

As you know, law enforcement officers continue to confirm that it is difficult to protect children on social networking sites. It is currently impossible to detect disguised predators online, and the Internet has become the tool of choice for sexual predators because it offers easy and anonymous access to our children. A child does not always know with whom he or she is interacting, and never before have pedophiles had the opportunity to communicate so freely and directly with children. Children often include their contact and school information, hobbies, interests, and pictures on their profile page; this information is often incredibly personal and can be a treasure-trove for sexual predators.

The KIDS Act of 2007 represents an important step in the right direction towards Internet safety and reflects the type of proactive solutions generated from increased partnerships between the government, enforcement, and corporate community. Since this legislation will place a convicted felon’s electronic identifying information in the National Sex Offender Registry and allow social-networking sites to cross-check user information against the registry, millions of children who log onto social networking sites will have another barrier of protection against sexual predators.

Most parents would be surprised to realize that—prior to this legislation—there was no mechanism that required Internet predators to provide their communication information to the National Sex Offender Registry. The KIDS Act of 2007 will provide an invaluable tool for law enforcement because it will allow law enforcement to fine or imprison any offender who fails to register their correct information or who fails to update any new email address, instant message address, or other similar Internet identifier.

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Enough Is Enough commends you both for your leadership on this important safety initiative, and we look forward to working with you to ensure passage of this vital legislation to make the Internet safer for children and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Rice Hughes".

Donna Rice Hughes  
President, Enough Is Enough

*Enough Is Enough (EIE), a non-partisan, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, emerged in 1994 as the national leader on the front lines to make the Internet safer for children and families. Since then, EIE has pioneered and led the effort to confront online pornography, child pornography, child stalking and sexual predation with innovative initiatives and effective communications.*

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