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Re: Combating Child Pornography

During the past two years, my Office has met with legislators, parent groups, educators and other stakeholders who have demanded that children be protected from sexual exploitation through the Internet. To meet this challenge, I have adopted an aggressive, multi-pronged approach ranging from criminal investigations and prosecutions, to cooperative efforts with industry, to the creation of educational programs. Yet more still can and must be done, especially by those who provide Internet access or host Internet content, to prevent the victimization of the most vulnerable members of our society--children. I am, therefore, calling upon you to assist me in meeting this challenge. Specifically, I ask that you register with the secure CyberTipline at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and that you affirmatively work with my Office to impede predators' use of the Internet to view and transmit heinous images of child sexual abuse by denying access to child pornography websites, regardless of whether or not you host these websites.

As a company that provides Internet services or hosts Internet content for New Jersey residents, you should know that, pursuant to federal law, your company is required to report apparent child pornography to the CyberTipline at NCMEC, which forwards such reports to the appropriate law enforcement agencies, including those located in New Jersey. [See 42 U.S.C. §13032]



To facilitate mandatory reporting to the CyberTipline, NCMEC has developed a secure reporting mechanism for electronic service providers. This secure reporting mechanism provides direct access to the CyberTipline and, most importantly, allows uploading of files and/or images, which the public CyberTipline does not. Images and files provided to New Jersey law enforcement through reports made to the secure CyberTipline are often essential to the investigation and successful prosecution of alleged child pornography and the sexual victimization of children.

A recent investigation by my Office revealed that your company has not yet registered with the secure CyberTipline. I request that you immediately register with the secure CyberTipline by contacting NCMEC at espteam@ncmec.org or 1-877-446-2632 ext. 6702.

It is not enough, however, to simply react to the discovery of child pornography. Therefore, I ask you to help prevent the dissemination of images of child sexual abuse by obtaining from NCMEC its list of Uniform Resource Locators (URL) that contain child pornography. This list can be obtained by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NCMEC. For your convenience, attached is a copy of this MOU.

Last week, the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (NCTA) announced that the cable operators on its Board of Directors agreed to sign NCMEC's MOU and to use NCMEC's list of URLs to ensure that servers they own or control are not hosting websites on NCMEC's list. While I commend cable operators for taking this step, I believe that more can and should be done.

Electronic service providers should also utilize NCMEC's list to deny access to child pornography websites that they do not host. By taking the pro-active step of denying access to these illegal websites, your company can make a powerful statement that it will not be party to the continued victimization of the most vulnerable members of our society--children.

I would appreciate a response by August 22, 2008 indicating whether you will register with the secure CyberTipline, obtain NCMEC's list of identified child pornography URLs, and work with my office to utilize NCMEC's list to deny access to websites, regardless of whether or not they are hosted by you, that contain child pornography.

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Orlando, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, at 609.292.8640.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Milgram", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Anne Milgram
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