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Mr. Chris DeWolfe  
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Dear Mr. DeWolfe:

As we are all aware, socializing through use of the internet has become increasingly popular, especially among young people. Social networking websites, such as yours, enable people to interact in ways not conceivable only a decade ago. While this new medium offers many positive societal benefits, this ease of interaction comes with a downside.

As the chief law enforcement officer in the State of New Jersey, I am concerned about the use of your website for criminal activity, including crimes against children. The use of your service for illegal activity, and as a medium through which child predators identify, learn about, and contact potential victims, poses a serious threat to the public safety of some of our most vulnerable citizens and creates significant risks for the positive reputation and continued operations of your business.

As you may know, several states and their respective Attorneys General have been exploring ways to protect the users of social networking websites. Like my colleagues in other states, I am committed to taking proactive steps to stop the use of the internet to commit and facilitate crime. I believe the most effective way to do so would be for us to work cooperatively toward a common goal of making your service safe for all users, especially children. I ask you to work with me to achieve this important objective. Together we can develop mechanisms that reduce dangers and empower users without impeding the free flow of information or the enjoyment of your website. I believe these goals can best be accomplished by making it easier for users to identify and report suspicious activity and illegal content, such as child pornography.




To help eliminate the abuse of your service by those seeking to engage in criminal activity, I propose that you place a readily identifiable icon on each page of your website that would allow users to quickly and easily report inappropriate content or suspicious activity, such as sexual or predatory suggestions or solicitations to minors. Information from these reports could then be harnessed to provide you and, in certain cases that met appropriate standards, law enforcement officials with aggregated and specific information about potentially criminal behavior.

In addition, I would appreciate you providing me with any and all information about measures you are currently undertaking or developing to protect users and identify suspicious activity and illegal content.

I look forward to receiving your response to the proposal set forth in this letter and to working with you to prevent your services from being used for illegal purposes. By Monday, December 18, 2006, please contact Jason Orlando at 609-292-8640.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart Rabner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

Stuart Rabner  
Attorney General

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