



**Council for
Children's
Rights**

June 5, 2009

Attorney General Roy Cooper
North Carolina Department of Justice
9001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699

Dear Attorney General Cooper,

I am writing to express the Council for Children's Rights' (CCR) support for the 2009 Stop Internet Predators Campaign. As you are aware, the CCR works primarily in the areas of special education, abuse and neglect, mental health, custody, domestic violence and juvenile justice. CCR, also however, works with any child that we feel is in danger, or when their rights to receive government or community services mandated by law are in jeopardy of being violated. We feel Internet safety is a very important issue for our organization to focus on, not only because of the ever-increasing use of the Internet by children and teens, but also because we consider children's unmonitored access to the Internet to be a potential consequence of abusive or neglectful parenting. We also believe that additional safeguards are essential for new technologies as they are introduced into our communities, technologies such as online mapping, like Google Street View, online dating, like Match.com, and social networking like Facebook.

We would also like to invite a representative from your office to attend a "First Fridays for Kids" luncheon to discuss what you feel are the most prevalent risks of the Internet to children and what adults can do to keep kids safe. "First Fridays for Kids" takes place each month at our offices, from 12:00 to 1:15 pm.

The children of North Carolina are our primary concern when it comes to the introduction of new online technologies and websites that have the potential to threaten their safety. We look forward to working with you and Stop Internet Predators to advocate for their safety and well-being.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett A. Loftis".

Brett A. Loftis, J.D.
Executive Director