

Dear Mr. Harper,

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 trained experts can follow, right to their computer terminals. But the number of trained police experts that can track down Internet child abusers, and rescue the children being abused, is woefully inadequate in every province and territory. Right now police can only catch only a few dozen child abusers a year. We need to be catching thousands every year.

I know that you believe, like I do, that we must do everything possible to protect children from child abuse aided by the Internet. That is why I am asking for your help.

We urgently need many more expert internet child abuse investigators in every police service across the country, from the RCMP to the smallest municipal police department. I urge you to make this a priority, and to work cooperatively with every other level of government to make it happen.

We can solve these terrible crimes against kids. We just can't solve them fast enough. So we need your help.

Our children deserve no less.

(sign your name here)