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Conservative Government Takes Action to Crack Down on Cyberbullies

Ottawa, ON, November 25, 2013 – Last week, the Conservative Government announced legislation to help keep our communities safer by cracking down on cyberbullies.

“Our Government is committed to helping ensure that our children are safe from online predators and from online exploitation,” said Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment. “We have an obligation to help put an end to harmful online harassment and exploitation.”

The proposed legislation would:

- ban the non-consensual distribution of intimate images
- empower the courts to order the removal of intimate images from the internet
- permit the court to seize the computer, cell phone or electronic device used in the offence
- provide reimbursement for victims
- impose a maximum penalty of five years in prison

While bullying has always been a concern, technology has given the bullies a worldwide audience to the humiliation and intimidation of their victims.

These actions can destroy lives. Recent tragedies have helped show the seriousness of this crime, and our Conservative Government is taking the necessary action to help prevent it.

“Through this legislation, our Conservative Government is sending the message that the bullying and sexual exploitation of our children is a crime and will not be tolerated,” added Dr. Carrie.

This proposed legislation builds on our Governments continued efforts to crack down on cyberbullies and help stop online threats. Through resources such as NeedHelpNow.ca and our GetCyberSafe.gc.ca campaign, our Government is providing Canadians with the tools necessary to help protect themselves and their families.

At the same time, our Government is funding the development of a number of school-based projects to educate kids on the dangers of bullying and help prevent it before it begins. Canadians can count on our Conservative Government to continue taking action to help keep our streets and communities safe.

For more information on Bullying Awareness Week, please visit the website

www.bullyingawarenessweek.org.

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