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Minister, SG SG:EX Re: Human Trafficking

Dear Solicitor General Heed:

Thank you for your recent email.

We agree with you that trafficking is a serious issue, and craigslist is committed to assisting in the fight against it. As you may be aware, craigslist has been engaged in confidential discussions with representatives of Canadian law enforcement (RCMP) and others over the past year on ways further progress might be made in this regard. craigslist is currently awaiting a response to a draft "Joint Statement" describing measures designed to better address trafficking. We are hopeful that work on this Statement can be finalized, and that a public announcement with these agencies can be made in the near future.

With respect to your specific request for more active screening of content in Canada similar to that which has been implemented in the United States, craigslist wholeheartedly supports enabling legislation in Canada (similar to section 230 of the Communications Decency Act in the United States).

Such legislation would make it possible for craigslist (and other internet sites operating in Canada) to implement active screening measures without incurring liability for content created and posted by users.

We are very interested in working with law enforcement toward eliminating misuse of craigslist's services (services offered free of charge and without advertising to all Canadians), and would be pleased to speak with you or your representatives in greater detail to determine how we can work most effectively together.

Thanks and Best Regards,

Jim Buckmaster CEO, craigslist

