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Ms. Trina Coffey
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Dear Ms. Coffey,

Together, we are asking the members of California Internet Service Providers Association to follow the lead of other companies and join the fight against online child pornography. Protecting the safety of our children must be a top priority, not just for government, but also for businesses with the direct power to reduce the ability to conduct illegal activity. Your association stands in a unique position to help.

We applaud three of the largest Internet service providers – Verizon, Time Warner Cable and Sprint – for taking steps to block access to child pornography. It is not enough, however, for only a few Internet service providers to join the fight against online predators. Child pornography is not protected by the First Amendment, and distributing this material is illegal.

The California Internet Service Providers Association is the largest association of Internet providers in the country, and we are asking your members to strongly assume the leadership role that status provides. The association can begin by working with its more than 100 members to remove child pornography from existing servers and blocking channels, which include newsgroups, used for distributing this material.

Together, we can make California a better place to live by cracking down on those who exploit children. We look forward to your positive response within 10 days of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

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