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To the Honorable  
Monroe County Legislature  
407 County Office Building  
39 West Main Street  
Rochester, New York 14614

**Re: Memorializing the United States Congress to Pass and President  
George W. Bush to Sign S.431, the Keeping the Internet Devoid of  
Sexual Predators (KIDS) Act**

Honorable Legislators:


Myspace.com has millions of registered users, a large number of which are under the age of 18. The popularity of Myspace and other social networking websites among young people raises the great concern for parents that their children may become the victims of predatory adults, particularly sexual predators, who are misrepresenting themselves online.

Recently, United States Senators Charles Schumer and John McCain addressed this concern by introducing legislation that would require all registered sex offenders to provide their active email addresses and instant-message names to the National Sex Offender Registry, allowing social networking websites to cross-check new members against a database of sex offenders. Any registered sex offender who submits a fraudulent email or is caught using an unregistered email could face jail time. The legislation would also make it a federal crime for internet users to misrepresent their age in order to facilitate sexual conduct with a minor.



The internet can be a tremendous resource for young people and ensuring that they can use it safely should be a top priority. This legislation is a good first step towards protecting children online. Therefore, I urge you to join me in memorializing the United States Congress to pass and President Bush to sign S.431, the Keeping the Internet Devoid of Sexual Predators (KIDS) Act.

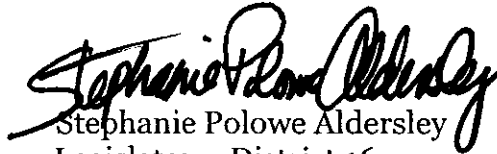
Respectfully submitted,



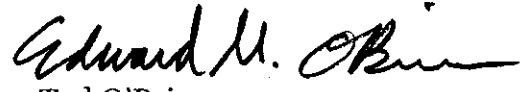
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