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WAR ON CHILD PREDATORS

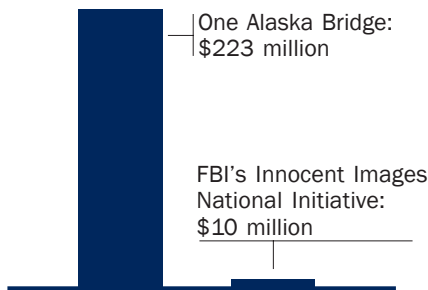
Pledge to Protect

The Need for a War on Child Predators Pledge

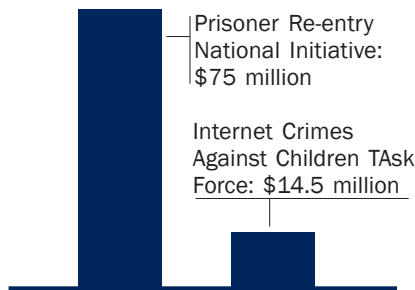
THE RESIGNATION of Congressman Mark Foley is a sad chapter in the history of the U.S. Congress. Across the nation, Americans are outraged, saddened and determined to take action against those who would prey upon our children—as well as those who protect them. But the departure of Congressman Foley marks another turning point as well. After years during which Congressman Foley was a prominent legislator on sexual abuse issues, Americans are now waking up to the fact that our nation’s law enforcement has been starved of the resources it needs to protect our children from the exploding danger from child pornography traffickers and online predators.

Since 2001, The United States House and Senate have held at least 27 separate hearings on child pornography and internet predators. Congress has been repeatedly briefed on the enormous, growing danger posed to American children by child pornography trafficking and online enticement.

“Bridge to Nowhere” vs. Bridge to Safety



Prisoners vs. Children



What is Child Pornography?

Study of Possessors:

80% had images of rape

83% had images of children 6-12

21% had images of violent, sadistic abuse

Witnesses have testified that there are over a million computers worldwide trafficking in photos of children being sexually abused, raped and even tortured. Law enforcement has found hundreds of thousands of child pornography websites. Sexual predators are becoming increasingly sophisticated about hunting and luring children online. Child pornography has become a multi-billion dollar market.

Yet, witnesses have also testified repeatedly that federal law enforcement agents are overwhelmed, outnumbered and outspent. They are able to investigate only a token number of known crimes, leaving many child victims without hope of rescue. Investigators routinely report they must wait months to get digital forensic analysis back from overburdened labs.

Yet, despite this knowledge, Congress has refused to take meaningful action. Until now.

Sexual predators have already declared war on American children. It is time to fight back. **The War on Child Predators Pledge is bringing together American citizens with a new bipartisan Congress to pledge our support for winning this war on our children’s innocence and safety.**

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I COMMIT full support to building up our nation's law enforcement strength to protect children. I pledge to support strong legislative action, including full appropriations, on the following five goals:

2,000 New Dedicated Federal Agents

2,000 new federal agents and analysts dedicated exclusively to investigating child exploitation and other crimes against children. This funding shall be appropriated to the FBI, ICE and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. Estimated annual cost: \$300 million.

1,000 New State and Local Agents

1,000 new state and local investigators and forensic analysts funded through the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force program, together with accompanying funding for equipment, travel, training and other related costs. Estimated cost: \$375 million annually.

Forensic Labs

20 new regional forensic computer labs, dedicated exclusively to child exploitation and other crimes against children. Estimated initial cost: \$110 million.

Prosecutors

279 new federal prosecutors (3 per district) dedicated exclusively to child exploitation and other crimes against children. Estimated annual cost: \$55.8 million.

Accountability

Legislation requiring financial industry, ISPs and telecommunications providers to assist and cooperate with law enforcement; detailed annual accounting of every federal dollar appropriated to combat child exploitation and other crimes against children; reduced law enforcement funding to states who do not take steps to bring their criminal penalties up to national standards and incentives for those who do; clear and strong laws, rules and procedures to govern reporting by members and staff of Congress of alleged child abuse.

CONGRESSIONAL PLEDGE TO PROTECT

By this signature, I endorse and sign the War on Child Predators pledge

Member of Congress

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More about the Pledge

This agenda is not a wish list. Nor is it any one group's strategy.

The simple, mainstream 5-point agenda in the War on Child Predators Pledge is based upon months of exhaustive discussions with front-line law enforcement agents and extensive Congressional testimony. It is a factual description of what American law enforcement desperately needs right now. Predators cannot be caught, or children rescued, without federal agents and analysts on the ground. Evidence cannot be analyzed without adequate forensic laboratories. Predators cannot be stopped without prosecutors to handle increased cases. And nothing will work without accountability.

Information on Public Dissemination

PROTECTING CHILDREN should not be a partisan issue. We believe that the War on Child Predators Pledge is a common-sense agenda that both Democrats and Republicans can embrace. *We know* that the vast majority of the American people will do so.

From October 6th-October 10th, we will distribute the War on Child Predators Pledge to Members of Congress via their staff, email, fax and mail. We will follow-up with those who have not responded over the following two weeks. We ask that Members of Congress make a decision on this Pledge and respond by October 25.

We will publicize the names of those Members of Congress who have signed on to the Pledge as we receive them at the website of the National Association to Protect Children: www.protect.org. On October 26th, we will issue a Report Card to the Nation listing all supporters and non-supporters.

For more information please contact the National Association to Protect Children at (800) 721-5506 or email us at volunteer1@protect.org.

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