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### **MP Kramp welcomes government's introduction of legislation to protect children from Internet sexual predators**

**Ottawa – November 24, 2009** – Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings applauds The Honourable Rob Nicholson, M.P. for Niagara Falls, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, and the Honourable Christian Paradis, M.P. for Mégantic-L'Érable and Minister of Public Works and Government Services, who today announced the introduction of legislation to assist in the fight against sexual exploitation of children by requiring suppliers of Internet services to report Internet child pornography.

"This legislation will help protect our children from sexual predators", said Mr. Kramp. "Furthermore, it will give police more tools to rescue these kids and get these criminals off the street and behind bars."

In the fall of 2008, Federal/Provincial/Territorial Ministers responsible for Justice agreed that Canada's response to child pornography could be enhanced by federal legislation requiring those whose services could be used to facilitate the commission of Internet child pornography offences to report suspected material.

The proposed Act would apply to suppliers of Internet services to the public, e.g. Internet access, electronic mail, content hosting and social networking sites. It would require them to:

- Report, to a designated agency, tips they receive regarding Web sites where child pornography may be available to the public; and
- Notify police and safeguard evidence if they believe that a child pornography offence has been committed using an Internet service that they provide.

Failure to comply with the duties under this Act would constitute an offence punishable by graduated fines: up to \$1,000 for a first offence; \$5,000 for a second offence; and for subsequent offences the possibility of a fine up to \$10,000 or six months imprisonment; or both for sole proprietorships. If a corporation fails to comply with its duties under this Act, the graduated fine scheme would be up to \$10,000, \$50,000 and \$100,000.