



August 17, 2018

The Honorable Charles Grassley
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Orrin Hatch
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
U.S. Senate
302 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Rob Portman
U.S. Senate
448 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senators Grassley, Feinstein, Hatch, Portman and Klobuchar:

As President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), I am pleased to offer my strong support for the *Missing Children's Assistance Act of 2018* (S. 3354). Passage of this bipartisan legislation will ensure NCMEC's mission to help find missing children, reduce child sexual exploitation, and prevent child victimization continues.

As you know, NCMEC was created as a private, non-profit organization in 1984 and has been designated by Congress as the national clearinghouse on issues related to missing and exploited children. NCMEC provides assistance and services to victims, their families, private industry, law enforcement, and the general public.

The *Missing Children's Assistance Act of 2018* incorporates important provisions that modernize NCMEC's funding authorization and programs. Key elements of the legislation include strengthening NCMEC's work on child sex trafficking, continuing our support for children missing from care and other critically missing children, and advancing initiatives to help combat emerging issues such as sextortion.

The *Missing Children's Assistance Act* was last reauthorized by Congress in 2013 and, without prompt passage of this legislation, the activities authorized by the Act will expire on September 30, 2018.

Thank you for your leadership on this important legislation and we look forward to Congress acting quickly to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,



John F. Clark
President and CEO