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FIGHTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

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Dr. Sean Turner
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Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
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Dear Dr. Turner,

I am writing in response to the Parliamentary inquiry into law enforcement capabilities in relation to Child Exploitation. The Technology Coalition is a global alliance of 24 leading technology companies united to protect children from online sexual exploitation and abuse. Accordingly, our organization has done significant work related to two of your stated terms of reference: "trends and changes in relations to the crime of online child exploitation" and "the role technology providers have in assisting law enforcement agencies to combat child exploitation." To assist you in your inquiry, I am happy to share with you the following documents:

a. **Summary of *The Next Frontier of Reporting* (25 March)** - **Link**

   This event brought together over 100 cross-sector representatives from 23 countries to explore the next frontier of reporting online CSEA, increase understanding of current reporting structures, and jointly explore potential paths forward. Law enforcement was prominently represented due to their key role of using reports in prosecutions. The primary deliverable from this event was a list of strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities with regards to reporting and the relationship between tech and law enforcement.

b. **Summary of *Self Generated Indecent Imagery Featuring Youth: Challenges and Opportunities* (29 April)** - **Link**

   This event assembled a group of experts from law enforcement and other sectors to facilitate a collective dialogue about the rapidly growing problem of "self-generated indecent imagery featuring youth." The workshop included some 50 participants from 12 countries.

c. **Summary of the *First Annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum* (16 June)** - **Link**

This event, which gathered together more than 120 attendees from 25 countries, featured panels of cross-sector experts - including industry and law enforcement - that built on earlier discussion of the challenges of a growing dimension of CSEA, "self generated indecent imagery featuring youth." Participants then collaborated in small groups to address these challenges and produce concrete deliverables. These deliverables focused on naming and defining the issue, as well as establishing sector-specific priorities based on the different roles of the tech industry, law enforcement, and civil society.

d. ***Technology Coalition Annual Report* (5 August)** - **Link**

Our Annual Report highlights the broad array of projects the Technology Coalition and its member companies have completed and are currently undertaking through our collaborative working groups. It also includes the results of a survey of our member companies regarding their current capabilities, tools, and transparency standards. The Annual Report also features NCMEC reporting data; Technology Coalition member companies currently provide 98% of all reports to the CyberTipline.

If you require further details on any of the above documents or wish to inquire further about the Technology Coalition and its role, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Sean Litton

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