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Dear Prime Minister,

The Messaging Anti-Abuse Working Group supports your ongoing work with regard to finding legal solutions as part of a tool kit approach to combating online abuse.

Overall we support Bill C-28 that would establish the federal **Fighting Internet and Wireless Spam Act** ("FISA"), and make amendments to other federal legislation, including Canada's **Competition Act**; **Telecommunications Act**; and **Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act** (PIPEDA). We specifically support the establishment of a regime whereby the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission ("CRTC"), Competition Bureau of Canada and the Office of the Privacy Commissioner can share information and evidence with law enforcement agencies outside Canada in an effort to enforce similar international laws and pursue violators beyond Canadian borders.

We look forward to the outcome of your legislative deliberations and the ensuing regulations that will serve to help make the Internet a safer place for us all.

Yours truly,  
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**MAAWG** is the largest global industry and public policy organization working against spam, viruses, denial-of-service attacks and other online exploitation in both current and emerging technologies. It is the only organization that brings together ISPs, email providers, mobile network providers, social networking companies, anti-virus vendors and volume senders to develop cooperative approaches for protecting consumers and promoting a safe online experience. MAAWG is a technology-neutral, non-political working body that systematically focuses on all aspects of messaging abuse, including technology, industry collaboration and public policy. There are many Canadian firms who are active MAAWG members, including Bell Canada, MailChannels, Telus, ThinData and Tucows. A complete MAAWG membership list is at <http://www.maawg.org/about/roster>.