

# PETITION – To amend section 163 of Criminal Code

## TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

**WE THE UNDERSIGNED CITIZENS OF CANADA**, draw the attention of the House of Commons to the following:

**WHEREAS** the internet is an unregulated pipeline for child pornography and child exploitation, and

**WHEREAS** statistics show that 39% of those that possess child sex abuse materials have images of children between 3 and 5 years old and 83% have images of children between 6-12 being sexually assaulted, and

**WHEREAS** section 163 of the Criminal Code currently allows sentences of as little as 90 days for making criminal child sex material and 14 days for the possession of criminal sex materials:

**THEREFORE**, we the undersigned, request Parliament to speedily enact legislation that changes the legal terminology in Section 163 from child pornography to child sex abuse materials and enact strong and mandatory minimum sentences that protect children, provide justice and deter pedophilia.

**Signatures (DO NOT PRINT)**

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**NOTE:** The petition must be free from erasures or interlineations. No minimum age requirement. Petitions with signatures must be mailed to - **CANADA FAMILY ACTION, 204, 4080 – 23 Street NE, Calgary, AB T2E 6W9**

## **Petition** rules and guidelines

If you decide to join us in collecting signatures for this petition we want to thank you. It is people like you that are making Canada a better place for everyone and particularly future generations of children.

There are a number of rules that must be followed in order for the Library of Parliament to certify the signatures and maximize our efforts.

1. Signatures must only be on this sheet of paper. You cannot use blank sheets of paper for signatures . You can make as many copies of this petition as you want.
2. The text of a petition must not be altered either by erasing or crossing out words or by adding words or commentary. Any alteration will make the petition page unacceptable.
- 3. There is no age restriction on signing petitions.**
4. Each petitioner must sign, **not print**, his or her own name directly on the petition and must not sign for anyone else.

On this matter getting 25 people to sign is very possible. If you would like to fill 2 or 3 or more pages that is great. If by December 15<sup>th</sup> you have not been able to collect all 25 signatures please send the petition back to Canada Family Action with what you have.

Consider the following suggestions for collecting signatures

1. Friends and Neighbors
2. Any meeting you are attending
3. Service clubs (i.e. rotary/lions/elks etc)
4. Church or religious groups
5. Going door to door
6. Asking businesses in your community to put a petition at the counter
7. Get permission to have a table in a mall in your area
8. Post on bulletin boards in Universities/ community centers/ post offices
9. Ask local media to do a story on the joint efforts of Canadians including you (call us if you need help with this)
10. Community events like festivals or fairs

If you would like to download and print more copies of the petition you can do so from our website at [www.childsafenation.ca](http://www.childsafenation.ca) or we will be happy to mail you as many copies as you would like.

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to call us at 403-295-2159. If you are hosting an event around getting signatures of this petition send me an email [ncooper@familyaction.org](mailto:ncooper@familyaction.org) or call the office. Thank you again.