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Mr. Tim Sloan

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Information Administration

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Dear Tim:

I write in support of the nomination of Craig Cobia to serve on the National Online Safety and Technology Working Group. Mr. Cobia has worked closely with the Idaho legislature on initiatives to improve online protection for children and those that aim to reduce the amount of pornography on the Internet in the areas of jurisdiction that the State of Idaho maintains. Mr. Cobia became involved in Internet safety when tragedy struck the mother of his former employee. Her husband committed suicide when he could not rid himself of his addiction to online pornography. Since that time, Mr. Cobia has worked, not only in Idaho, but on a wider level. He reached out to a national radio program based in New York City and was successful in gaining their offer of assistance to help him educate people about the dangers that exist for people online.

Mr. Cobia has created an organization in his local Idaho community that recently mailed 6,500 DVDs to families in that community, providing information about Internet predators. He also coordinates law enforcement seminars that are provided to community groups. As a result of his work, Mr. Cobia was asked to attend an invitation-only symposium on the subject at Princeton University.

Mr. Cobia has demonstrated tremendous energy, organizing skills and dedication to the issue of online safety. This, together with his understanding of those victimized by the dangers of content available on the growing number electronic communications' platforms—from the extremely inappropriate to the truly horrific—makes him a logical choice to serve on the Working Group.

Thank you for your consideration of Mr. Cobia's nomination.

Respectfully,



Mike Crapo
United States Senator
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