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Hello,

For several years I have been working to raise public awareness on the dangers of sexual predators using the Internet to gain access to trusting would-be victims. Technology-challenged parents (like myself) and trusting, Internet-savvy children and teens create a circumstance predators exploit every day.



Nineteen-year-old Alicia Kozakiewicz, who was kidnapped, raped and almost killed by a sexual predator she met on the Internet testified before the House Judiciary Committee.

Recently, while I was waiting to testify to the House Judiciary Committee on legislation I've introduced to address this threat, I heard the very powerful testimony from a compelling expert on this issue - a young woman who herself had been kidnapped, raped and almost killed by a sexual predator she met on the Internet. Please click on the picture to watch a powerful clip of her testimony. I have shared this with my own children and invite you to view this yourself and share with anyone who may benefit from hearing the story of this brave woman.

Also, I met yesterday with a group of parents, teachers and law enforcement officers to discuss legislation recently passed by the House to protect kids from

predators online and to hear their concerns about dangers children face on the Internet. Please visit my website (<http://www.pomeroy.house.gov>) to read the story from the *Grand Forks Herald* and learn more about this issue.



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