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Dear Representative Putnam:

On behalf of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children ("NCMEC"), I am writing to commend you for introducing H.R. 1829, the Student Protection Act. This Act brings long-overdue recognition to the problem of child sexual exploitation in the school system.

A U.S. Department of Education report cites a study that estimates that more than 4.5 million children are subject to sexual misconduct by a school employee sometime between kindergarten and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. In addition, the study states that nearly 9.6% of students are targets of sexual misconduct by school employees sometime during their school career. This Act will enable school districts to more effectively investigate allegations of sexual misconduct and will also help reduce incidences of child sexual exploitation in schools by repeat offenders.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our nation's children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Allen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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