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Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining me to discuss the important issue of keeping our children safe online. Now more than ever, families, school communities and law enforcement must forge partnerships to protect children in their online activities. Through forums such as tonight's town hall, we can confront the myriad challenges to ensure online safety by sharing our individual concerns and best practices.

As Attorney General of California, I have the opportunity to advocate for and enforce smart-on-crime solutions to protect all of us—particularly, the youngest and most vulnerable—from crimes such as cyber-bullying and online predation. During my twenty years as a prosecutor, I have long advocated prevention as an essential tool to solving our most persistent criminal justice dilemmas. Protecting our children's online safety is no different.

To that end, I am enclosing several documents that may be useful in talking about these often difficult topics. Attached are several recent publications on online safety and an example of the kind of online discussions many children have everyday. Are you able to "break the code" and decipher their conversations?

I hope these tools will serve as the beginning of a conversation between you and your children or students. With your guidance and support, I am confident that our youth will make smart choices necessary to protect themselves and their privacy online.

I look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kamala D. Harris", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

KAMALA D. HARRIS