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Conservatives are making our streets and communities safer

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OTTAWA - Yesterday, Minister Nicholson announced our Government is taking a number of steps to protect children from sexual predators, including introducing new legislation and asking Craigslist to remove erotic services ads.

Our Conservative Government is focused on making our streets and communities safer for Canadian families.

Today, our Government confirmed that we sent a letter to Craigslist asking them to remove the erotic services ads from their Canadian websites.

We are concerned that such advertisements may be facilitating serious criminal offences, such as living on the avails of child prostitution and trafficking in persons.

It is important to note that these ads have already been removed from the American Craigslist website and other large competitors have removed them.

This is one of many steps we are taking to protect children from sexual predators.

Today, we will take another major step when we introduce legislation to increase prison sentences for sexual offences against children.

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