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## **MP JOY SMITH RELEASES STATEMENT ON PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM PORNOGRAPHY ONLINE**

**Toronto, ON (Thursday, July 25, 2013)** – MP Joy Smith, Free-Them’s ally in fighting human trafficking, supports British Prime Minister Cameron’s announcement of measures to protect children from sexualized images.

“I applaud Prime Minister Cameron for his bold approach to work with Internet Service Providers to develop solutions to protect children”, comments MP Joy Smith in her official statement. “In this massive fight against child exploitation and the sexualisation of our children, every step we take makes a difference.”

In a her two page statement supporting the British Prime Minister’s measures, MP Joy Smith addresses three key topics: the harmful impact of pornography on children, a refutation to the general argument that censorship is violated, and the viewpoint that these measures are a government partnership versus a regulation.

“Free-Them is in full support of MP Joy Smith’s statement and we commend Prime Minister Cameron for his leadership,” says Shae Invidiata, founder, Free-Them. “Children need to be protected from pornographic images that over time can desensitize our youth and create a false sense of sexual reality, and even lure children into a situation of exploitation that no child should ever experience. As Prime Minister Cameron clearly states, this regulation is not banning legal pornography, but rather increasing an extra level of security and protection from pornography getting into the hands and viewership of youth and children that should not be exposed to this. As adults, we have a responsibility to the young generations growing up to protect and defend children and youth. Free-Them stands in agreement with MP Joy Smith, that this is a conversation we urge the Federal Government to enter into and follow the example of the British Government.”

For a full version of MP Joy Smith’s official statement, please click [here](#).

*Free-Them is a volunteer-based initiative dedicated to raising awareness and funds to abolish human trafficking in Canada and abroad. Founded in January 2010, Free-Them is committed to partnering with businesses, government and law enforcement to fight human trafficking (slavery today) through awareness, education, legislation and fundraising for front line organizations. For more information about Free-Them, please log on to [www.freethem.ca](http://www.freethem.ca).*

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