

Sample Letter to an MP on Motion M-47

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[MP first name] [MP last name], MP
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Mr./Ms. [MP last name],

I am one of your constituents in the riding of [name of riding]. Thank you for your work on behalf of our community.

I am writing to you because I am very concerned about violent and sexually degrading explicit material on the Internet. This material is now easily accessible, affordable and anonymous online. It is sexually violent and cruel to an extent unimagined in the past, and there is very little to protect children from being exposed at younger and younger ages.

Many children, and most teens have seen sexually degrading images online, often accidentally or incidentally.

Youth exposed to violent and sexually degrading images are more likely to accept sexual harassment and violence, to have multiple sex partners and to engage in early, more frequent, more permissive and riskier sexual activity.

I believe that exposure to these images is contributing to the rise in sexual harassment, assault, and rape – and the recording and distribution of images and video of these – on school and college campuses across the country. The consequences are devastating.

I would like Parliament to study the public health effects of these images being so easily accessible online, and viewed by children and teens. I believe this is becoming a public health crisis.

As my Member of Parliament, I ask you to support **Motion M-47** when it comes to a vote. This motion would instruct the Standing Committee on Health to study the public health effects of the ease of access and viewing of online violent and degrading sexually explicit material.

I would also appreciate hearing how you will communicate my concerns on this issue to your colleagues.

Sincerely,

[Your name]
[Your address]