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Washington, DC 20515

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February 20, 2020

Dear Ms. Dubey,

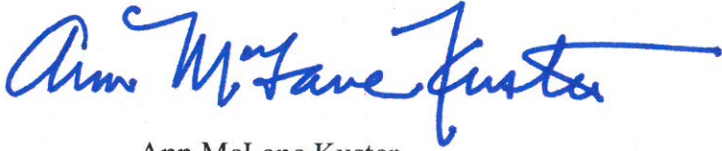
The December 2, 2019 article *Tinder Lets Known Sex Offenders Use the App. It's Not the Only One* in ProPublica has raised serious concerns about the safety of users on Match Group's platforms. Most notably, this article revealed that Match Group does not check users on Tinder, Hinge, Plenty of Fish, and OkCupid against Federal, State, or Tribal Sex Offender Registries. According to ProPublica, the Match Group's platform failure to check the names of users against Sex Offender Registries may have contributed to users being sexually assaulted after matching with registered sex offenders. Since dating platforms are a business engaged in interstate commerce, Congress has responsibility to consider whether these platforms require regulation to keep consumers safe.

We are concerned that Match Group does not conduct basic checks of users against Federal, State, and Tribal Sex Offender Registries. A review of the terms of service for Tinder, Hinge, Plenty of Fish, and OkCupid shows that you already ask users to certify that they are not required to register as sex offenders. The failure to cross reference all user responses with sex offender registries is deeply concerning. While the names you check against registries will not be accurate in all circumstances, and this due diligence will not prevent all registered sex offenders from using your platforms, it may disincentivize some dangerous individuals from using them and thereby provide a basic level of protection for users. Your platforms already reserve the right to check users against Sex Offender Registries. We urge you to begin conducting these checks immediately. Your company's failure to take this step is putting users at risk.

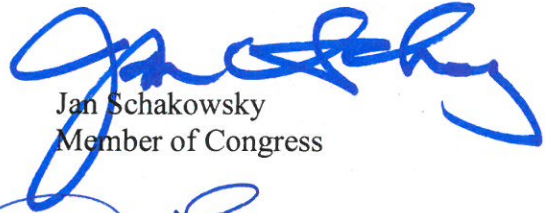
Some states already have adopted laws to regulate online dating platforms. As Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which is responsible for regulating interstate commerce and plays an important role protecting consumers, the decision your company takes to proactively conduct checks against Sex Offender Registries are important for informing our legislative efforts.

Enclosed, we have included additional questions about Match Group's efforts to respond to reports of sexual violence that were a result of people meeting through your services. We respectfully ask for a prompt response, and that you give our request for information your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable statutes and regulations.

Regards,



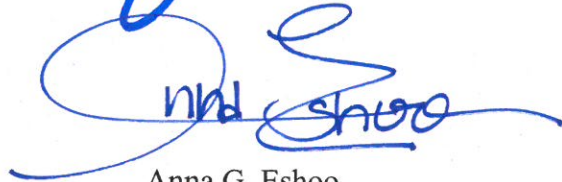
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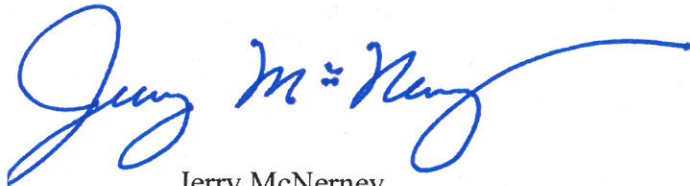
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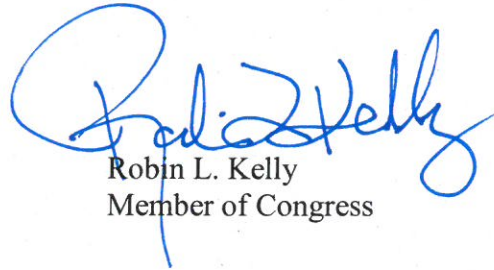
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