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BILL C- 13 - Protecting Canadians from Online Crime Act

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My name is Jim Chu. I am past President of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and Chief Constable of the Vancouver Police department.

The CACP represents in excess of 90% of the police community in Canada, including federal, First Nations, provincial, regional and municipal police leaders and services. Our mandate is the “Safety and Security for all Canadians through Innovative Police Leadership.”

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) fully supports the introduction of Bill C-13.

This legislation will assist law enforcement by providing new tools to protect youth and adults from cyberbullying.

This legislation helps us not only in the area of cyberbullying but for many other crimes where modern communication networks are used to facilitate the commission of a crime.

The Internet and modern voice and data networks, while very useful in the everyday life of most Canadians, have been used by criminals to harass and exploit others.

If the police are not given these new legal tools, the likelihood of successfully investigating and prosecuting many types of crimes becomes lower and lower.

This would be because essential evidence has disappeared, or

because police officer capacity has decreased due to cumbersome and dated legal tools.

Investigations that take longer than they should mean a proportional reduction in case load capacity. The end result is that more criminals will not be held accountable by the justice system and fewer victims can be helped.

This Bill fully meets the standard raised by critics of lawful access legislation in the past; namely, police must have judicial authorization through a warrant.

We ask each of you to support this bill. Canadians deserve the protection that this new law provides.

Rather than continue, I will defer the rest of my time to the subject matter experts - CACP members, who can provide you with more technical details as to the importance of this bill within the law enforcement community.