



Canadian Library Association  
Association canadienne des bibliothèques

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**Re: Bill C-13, Protecting Canadians from Online Crime Act**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Canadian Library Association (CLA), the national voice of Canada's library communities, welcomes the new proposed cyberbullying laws aimed at protecting Canada's youth against cybercrime. However, the CLA believes that there are several aspects of Bill C-13 that are worrisome and that have major implications for the privacy of Canadians.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the CLA's statement regarding Bill C-13. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate some of the CLA's key concerns.

While we welcome initiatives aimed at protecting Canada's youth, the CLA's position is that Bill C-13 provides law enforcement agencies with greater access to private information such as metadata since the Bill allows internet service providers to voluntarily hand over private customer information to policing agencies without facing civil or criminal liability.

More specifically, the CLA is concerned that Canadian libraries will be unable to provide effective library services to their users since libraries will be unable to ensure the necessary protections for patrons accessing their networks and resources.

As such, the CLA recommends that the Government of Canada work with the Privacy Commissioner of Canada and amend the Bill to better protect the privacy of Canadians.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this issue further. To schedule a meeting, please have your assistant contact Emily Reid at (613) 233-8906. In the meantime, should you have any immediate questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (613) 232-9625 x.306 or [vmckay@cla.ca](mailto:vmckay@cla.ca).

Thank you for the consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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