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Dear Colleagues:

I am writing today to all of the Provincial and Territorial Ministers of Justice to request your support and assistance. As all of you know, the recent tragic death of a young Nova Scotian again showed us the impact of cyberbullying. On April 11th, I wrote to Minister Nicholson requesting a meeting to discuss the impact of the distribution of intimate images without consent and the clear link to cyberbullying.

Minister Nicholson and I also spoke by phone. The Minister was very supportive of a meeting and it has been scheduled for April 24th in Ottawa. At that meeting I will be requesting two (2) things:

1. An immediate amendment to the Criminal Code dealing with the distribution of intimate images without consent. Currently our thinking is to recommend a hybrid offence that covers the printing, publishing, distributing, circulating, selling, advertising or making available, including a visual recording, of an intimate image for a malicious or sexual purpose.
2. That direction be provided to the Cybercrime Working Group to expedite their efforts in the area of cyberbullying and report to Deputy Ministers in June with recommendations to go forward to the Ministers in the fall of 2013. The report to Deputy Ministers should address potential legislative improvements, either to the Criminal Code, or otherwise, with respect to the investigation and prosecution of cybercrimes generally.

I would appreciate it if you could indicate your general support for this approach to either me or Minister Nicholson prior to our meeting on the 24th. I would also welcome your comments and feedback as we all work together in an effort to prevent this kind of terrible tragedy from happening again.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ross Landry'.

Ross Landry