

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 22, 2002

Honorable John Ashcroft
Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
Tenth Street and Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

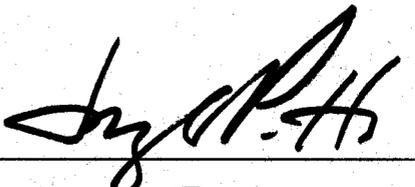
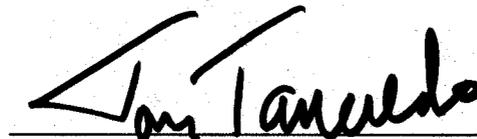
We are writing to thank you for your firm commitment to prosecuting child pornography to the fullest extent of the law. Like you, we were horrified by the recent Supreme Court decision in *Ashcroft v. Free Speech Coalition*, and we were heartened by your resolve not to allow this ruling to bring to a halt the prosecution of child pornography.

Our children are precious gifts who deserve our love and protection. We cannot allow the expansion of Internet technology to create a safe haven for child sexual predators. We appreciate your pioneering leadership in the creation of Operation Avalanche and Operation Candyman -- programs that have already resulted in the conviction of hundreds of child pornographers.

As you know, we are also eager to see an increased enforcement in adult obscenity cases. And we look forward to working with you to ensure that both child pornography and adult obscenity are vigorously prosecuted.

Again, thank you for your commitment to exercising your leadership by working to combat child pornography.

Sincerely,

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