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The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell  
Councilmember  
City of Long Beach  
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Long Beach, California 90802

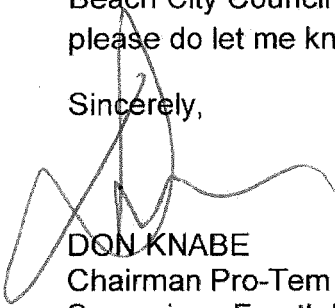
Dear Patrick:

I am writing to you in support of your motion calling for tougher penalties for those who solicit sex from minors.

As you know, over the last 18 months, Los Angeles County has been raising awareness of child sex trafficking, training staff, setting up prevention programs and doing all we can to protect the young victims of this horrific crime. While I am proud of our efforts to date, we must do more to aggressively penalize those who solicit girls for sex and ensure they are the ones prosecuted, not the victims.

By working together across the cities of our County, I am confident that we can put an end to this crime in our streets. I appreciate your bringing this issue forward to the Long Beach City Council and if there is anything I can do to support your efforts further, please do let me know.

Sincerely,



DON KNABE  
Chairman Pro-Tem  
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