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**RE: Donna Jou**

Dear Mr. Buckmaster:

I represent Nili and Reza Jou, the parents of 19 year old college student Donna Jou. Ms. Jou is the victim of a homicide, because on Craigslis she met John Steven Burgess, a convicted sexual predator, who had failed to register as required by law.

Donna advertised on Craigslis as a math tutor. She was contacted by Mr. Burgess who did not disclose that he had previously been convicted of a sexually predatory crime in California.

Mr. Burgess invited Donna to a party in June 2007. He came to her home in Santa Margarita, California and took her with him to his house in Los Angeles County. After that night at his home she was never seen again.

For almost two years her parents and I constantly urged Mr. Burgess to tell the truth about what happened to Donna. Recently he pled guilty in Los Angeles County Superior Court to involuntary manslaughter of Donna, and of concealing her body by dumping her into the Pacific Ocean.

Today he was sentenced to five years in prison for his crime. Despite extensive searches by the Los Angeles Police Department, Donna's body has still not been recovered.

The pain and agony that Donna's family and friends have experienced as a result of her

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loss because of crimes committed against her by a sexual predator is indescribable.

Compounding this pain is the knowledge that Donna, an unsuspecting and trusting young woman, might be alive today if Mr. Burgess had not found her on Craigslist, or in the alternative she would be alive today if Mr. Burgess had revealed on Craigslist that he was a convicted sexual predator, in which case she would never have gone to his house with him or socialized with him in any way. Unfortunately, however, Donna did not know of his prior criminal conviction because Craigslist failed to require that he disclose it.

We believe that the current policy and practice of Craigslist must change, and if it does not change other young women and children might, in the future, become victims of sexual predators and those victims may even lose their lives at the hands of such criminals that they may meet on Craigslist.

In light of this extremely high risk to these potential victims, I respectfully urge the following change in Craigslist's policies and practices.

We believe that convicted sexual predators should not be permitted to place an ad on Craigslist, or, in the alternative, if they are permitted to place an ad they should be required to disclose their prior convictions for these crimes, and state that they have registered as required by law.

This new policy would allow innocent members of the public who use your service to decide whether or not they wish to meet such predators and if they should choose to meet them, take whatever precautions they deem appropriate under the circumstances. Without such a policy users of Craigslist are subjected to an unacceptable risk of harm. Making our suggested changes would, however, signify your commitment to doing whatever you can to protect the users of your service.

Time is of the essence in order to prevent further tragedies such as the tragic death of Donna Jou. We urge you to give this request for a change in your policy your immediate attention.

In addition, I request that you meet with Donna Jou's parents and myself in order to discuss this matter with us and so that you may offer your condolences in person to Donna's grieving parents.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this matter. I look forward

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to hearing from you in order to discuss a mutually convenient date for this meeting, and the constructive change in your policy which we propose.

Very truly yours,

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