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## Testimony of Governor M. Jodi Rell

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**Judiciary Committee**  
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Regarding SB 34,  
*AAC Computer Crimes Against Children*

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Chairpersons McDonald and Lawlor, Ranking Members Kissel and O'Neill, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 34, An Act Concerning Computer Crimes Against Children.

Protection of our children requires not only efforts of parents and law enforcement officials but also our elected officials in making sure that our laws keep pace with a rapidly changing world. I believe that passage of this bill is essential to that ongoing effort.

Criminals who use the internet to prey upon children present unique challenges to the law enforcement community. They operate in stealth and are often skilled in technology. The exploitation of youth that occurs can have devastating impact on the children who are victimized. It is essential that the law keep pace with the technology and strategies used by these criminals. Passage of this bill will take some much needed steps to protect children from those who would use sophisticated technology both to exploit our children and to hide behind.

Section 1 of the bill is aimed at individuals that solicit minors over the internet and then coerce them into providing naked images of themselves or into performing sexual acts over webcams or cell phones. This proposed language would address an area of technology that is not currently covered by statute

Section 2 of this proposal would make it easier for law enforcement to provide required statutory notification to an individual whose subscriber information has been obtained through an ex parte order. In most cases after the information has been obtained direct contact is made with the individual. It would simplify the required procedure to supply the individual with notification first hand during this contact rather than later by mail.

In summary, section one of the bill addresses the solicitation of minors on the internet, and part two improves procedure for the current ex parte order statute which is used to help fight crimes against children.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important public safety proposal.