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Representing North Carolina's Eleventh Congressional District

**Media Advisory – For Planning Purposes**

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### **WHY??**

500,000: Number of Known Traffickers in Child Pornography

2%: Percentage of those that Law Enforcement is Investigating

30%: Children We Could Rescue From Ongoing Exploitation

PROTECT (Providing Resources Officers and Technology to Eradicate Cyber Threats to our children –introduced today) takes a bold step forward in addressing the growing problem of child exploitation. The Department of Justice and the FBI have testified before Congress that child exploitation is growing rapidly. New investigative techniques have allowed law enforcement to identify nearly 500,000 individuals trafficking child pornography over the Internet. Due to the lack of resources at the Federal, state and local level, we are investigating only 2% of the known offenders. Research shows that if we were to investigate these cases we could rescue a victim of child exploitation thirty percent of the time. The legislation will be heard in Judiciary tomorrow.

**WHO:** Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (FL-20)  
Rep. Joe Barton (TX-6)  
Rep. Timothy Bishop (NY-1)  
Rep. Brad Ellsworth (IN-8)  
Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (AZ-8)  
Rep. Heath Shuler (NC-11)  
Mary and Alicia Kozakiewicz (mother and daughter – Alicia was victim).  
David Keith, actor and spokesman for the National Association to Protect Children.

**WHAT:** Press Conference regarding Judiciary hearing on Sex Crimes and the Internet and the PROTECT ACT.

**WHERE:** Cannon Terrace, U.S. House of Representatives  
Corner of Independence and New Jersey S.E., Washington, DC

**WHEN:** TOMORROW, Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

**NOTE:** A special witness, Alicia Kozakiewicz, 19, will testify about surviving, and transcending, her own experience as a child victim of an Internet predator. Alicia is now a college student pursuing a career in law enforcement to help children.

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