

## Castle Supports Passage of Legislation to Combat Internet Crimes -- November 14, 2007

Washington, D.C. -- Delaware Congressman Mike Castle supported passage of H.R. 4134, of which he was a lead co-sponsor. H.R. 4134 is an updated version of H.R. 3577, the Internet Safety Education Act, which Rep. Castle also co-sponsored. H.R. 4134 instructs the Attorney General to provide grants for Internet crime prevention education programs. This legislation authorizes funds for programs that serve to educate parents, children, school administrators, teachers, and communities on how to recognize and prevent the potential dangers of criminal activity on the Internet. The House will consider two additional internet safety measures later this week. Rep. Castle believes education and awareness are essential tools in preventing these Internet crimes.

"The Internet is an excellent educational resource; however, it holds the potential to be a very dangerous place. This legislation provides our schools and law enforcement agents with necessary tools to teach our children how to protect themselves from the 750,000 predators they may encounter each time they go online. Through education and awareness, we can ensure a more hospitable web environment so children may be free to utilize the educational benefits of the internet without being exposed to its dangers," Castle said.

Specifically, H.R. 4134 will:

- Authorize a grant to i-SAFE, a non-profit foundation dedicated to protecting youth online; and
- Establish a Competitive Grants Program to ensure that available funds will be given to organizations to carry out Internet crime prevention education programs

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