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OTTAWA, Ontario, September 29, 2009 – On May 26, 2009 Harold Albrecht, Member of Parliament for Kitchener-Conestoga and Deputy Government Whip, filed a Private Members Motion, M-388 that calls upon the government to ensure that counselling a person to commit suicide or aiding or abetting a person to commit suicide is an offence under section 241 of the Criminal Code; regardless of the medium utilized. Today (September 30, 2009) Albrecht will be joined by Members of Parliament from all parties in the House of Commons to debate M-388.

Nadia Kajouji's body was found in the Rideau River in March 2008 after a one month search. An internet predator, admitting to being linked to 5 cases of counseling to commit suicide, posing as an online "friend" took advantage of her vulnerability. Charges have not been laid in the case.

Albrecht states: "Stories like this make it necessary to clarify our laws in order to remove any doubt surrounding the issue of counseling to commit suicide" via the internet.

On June 15, 2009 Albrecht held a press conference in Ottawa along with Deborah Chevalier, Nadia's mother. While the law states that counselling to commit suicide is illegal Nadia's mother noted: "The sad reality is that as long as there are predators who believe the internet offers them some kind of exclusive sanctuary, and as long as there are police officers who believe that for some unwritten reason, the internet is not governed by our existing laws – this change is very much needed".

The motion calls for greater clarity under section 241 of the Criminal Code to specify that the use of the internet as a means to counsel to commit suicide is also a criminal offence.

Albrecht continues to voice his concern for vulnerable Canadians and continues to receive positive support. He has received over 8000 signatures on petitions that have been sent to his office.

Motion M-388 will be debated shortly after 5:30 pm September 30, 2009. The debate can be viewed live on CPAC, or online at [www.cpac.ca](http://www.cpac.ca).

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