

Congressional Meeting Notes from November 5, 2019 – November 6 2019

NOVEMBER 5

9:00 AM Meeting with the Legislative Staff for Senator Udall- Meeting went well. The legislative assistant asked pertinent questions to the crime of romance scams. The interest was there in regard to the proposal to amend Section 230 of the CDA. He was not aware of the criminally based group located on the platforms known as the Yahoo Boys. A description of the group and criminal acts were provided. A list of these groups will be sent to the office per their request. Proposal, report, 2018 IC3 numbers and business cards provided.

10:30 AM Meeting with the Legislative Staff for Senator Josh Hawley- We met with the Legislative director as well as one of their policy advisors. The meeting was not as unfamiliar as the first. Senator Hawley has already proposed an amendment to the Section 230 based on Political biased. We were requested to send information on the Yahoo Boys, spread sheets we have produced involving Bryan's fake accounts and additional Facebook reports (besides the one we provided this day). The staff also gave us a few great leads on particular groups to approach and Senators to engage. Proposal, report, 2018 IC3 numbers and business cards provided.

1:00 PM Meeting with the Legislative Staff for Senator Shelley Moor Capitol. Legislative staff was not fully versed on the subject of romance scams. They were interested in the hearing about the crimes being committed and the proposal we brought forth. They did agree that Section 230 was not untouchable. Proposal, report, 2018 IC3 numbers and business cards provided.

4:00 PM Meeting with the Legislative Staff for Senator Todd Young. Legislative staff had heard of the romance scams, but not in significant detail. They were interested in hearing more about the crimes committed by groups such as the "Yahoo Boys" and they were also interested in articles or stories by their own constituents. Proposal, report, 2018 IC3 numbers and business cards provided.

5:15 PM Meeting with the Legislative Staff for Senator Jacky Rosen. Legislative staff was not fully versed on the subject of romance scams. The staff member asked good questions pertaining to the crime and stated she would share with the senator. Proposal, report, 2018 IC3 numbers and business cards provided.

NOVEMBER 6

9:00am Meeting with the Legislative Staff for Representative Ann McKlane-Kuster. Met with the Military Policy Advisor. The PA was engaged with exceptional questions pertaining to the military photos stolen, stating she has had friends that have also been victims of identity theft. She was very interested in the Proposal and stated her colleague is a real "go getter" and will

be briefing him on our meeting. She was glad to have a copy of the proposal and stated she was going to “dig in” to the subject. We will be providing a list of “Yahoo Boy’s” accounts to the team as well. Proposal, report, 2018 IC3 numbers and business cards provided.

10:30 AM Meeting with the Legislative Staff for Representative Devin Nunes. The legislative staff was aware of the romance scams online and provided the concerns the representative had on the area of fake accounts. Staff was very receptive to the 230 Proposal and looked forward to sharing the information with the Representative. The legislative staff asked if we could send the latest documentary from the W5 out of Canada as well as links to open “Yahoo Boy’s” accounts. Proposal, report, 2018 IC3 numbers and business cards provided.

2:00 PM Meeting with the Legislative Staff for Representative Robert Latta. Staff was very engaging when it came to questions on the romance scam issue. He also requested links in regard to the “Yahoo Boy’s” accounts. The Legislative Staff stated they were aware of the cybercrime issue and that the Representative had just attended the Hearing regarding talks on amending Section 230 of the CDA. Proposal, report, 2018 IC3 numbers and business cards provided.

3:30PM Meeting with the Legislative Staff for Representative Richard Hudson. The Legislative staff was very interested in the topic of Romance scams and also gave us a few names of Senators and Committees that may be beneficial as well to this issue. He too had never heard of the work of the Yahoo Boys and did requests some examples. Proposal, report, 2018 IC3 numbers and business cards provided.

4:45PM Meeting with the Legislative Staff for Representative Buddy Carter. The Legislative staff had very little awareness of the issue of romance scams. Giving him a solid definition, he was very interested in the topic and stated he will be looking more into the issue and presenting a draft of our meeting to the Representative. Proposal, report, 2018 IC3 numbers and business cards provided.

OVERALL REVIEW:

Overall Bryan and I felt everyone was interested in the subject of romance scams, more with some than others (which is to be expected). We will be providing all of their requests in the coming days and will continue an ongoing communication as welcomed. The positive side was, there was no resistance when speaking of amending Section 230, unfortunately it’s the red tape that holds many at bay. Let’s hope with the amount of support to change, much of congress will come together and make this happen. We of course will provide updated notes on any additional meetings that stem from these engagements as well as addition meetings that could result from the referrals we received. Please note that Representative Kinzinger is still very much interested in making change, however the ongoing education, like the meetings we attend, could not only encourage other congressional departments to jump on board, but it can

also make it a great way for the congressmen and women to say “HEY, we heard about this thanks to advocates coming in and sharing the awareness to our office, yes we do need change!”