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Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada calls on the Government of Canada to follow US lead and shut down backpage.ca escort services ads to protect children.

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Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada applauds the work of the US Senate subcommittee investigation into backpage.com that found that the website's ads for escort services knowingly facilitated sex trafficking, especially the trafficking of minors.

"This US bi-partisan senate investigation uncovered how backpage.com has acted as an online facilitator of child sex trafficking. Backpage.com removed the ads and we applaud the US government for its actions in achieving this end", said Darlene Newton, President of Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada. "But escort services ads are still available on backpage.ca in Canada with listings for many Canadian cities. We call on our government to do the same and protect children from child sexual exploitation and sex trafficking".

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