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## Schumer urges tougher sex-offender tracking

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Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-NY, this morning unveiled a package of federal laws intended to increase online scrutiny and monitoring of registered sex offenders.

The Kids Act of 2007 and Safe Act of 2007 are designed to help law enforcement better track and monitor registered sex offenders, including the nearly 500 registered sex offenders in Monroe County, he says. He said current laws were too lax and, as a result, were endangering local youngsters.

Schumer outline both acts this morning at 11:30 a.m. at 47 S. Fitzhugh St. Monroe County District Attorney Michael C. Green and former federal official Sam McQuade are expected to join Schumer at the news conference. McQuade, who now teaches criminal justice and cybercrime at Rochester Institute of Technology, is searching for ways to improve safety on the Internet.

Schumer's announcement comes on the heels of a state Commission of Investigation report released Tuesday. The report, released after a yearlong study, suggests wholesale reforms at the state level such as lengthening sentences of those convicted of cybercrimes against children, strengthening law enforcement's investigative reach, and establishing mandatory Internet safety curriculum in public schools.

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