



THE MEGAN PLEDGE

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Megan Meier was thirteen when she died. She had been cyberbullied and harassed by others, including the mother of one of her friends. She felt that she had no choice but to take her own life, rather than face the betrayal of her friends and their cruelty.

Although Megan is not the first teen to choose suicide over being the target of a cyberbully, I make this pledge hoping that she will be the last.

I make it for Megan and all others who have experienced the fear of being a victim of cyberbullying. I make it for myself. I make it for my friends. I make it to create a safer Internet for everyone.

I believe that everyone is entitled to feel safe, online and offline. I believe that no one should be harassed or targeted for their differences. I believe that technology should not be used as a weapon to hurt others. I believe that no matter what someone has done, they should never be terrorized online. I believe that there are better ways of handling disputes than cyberbullying others. I believe that suicide is never an option, and that all young people can make a positive difference in the lives of others.

By taking this pledge:

I agree to take a stand against cyberbullying, including sharing this pledge with others and asking them to take it too.

I agree not to use technology as a weapon to hurt others.

I agree to Think Before I Click.

I agree to think about the person on the other side.

I agree to support others being cyberbullied and report cyberbullying whenever I find it.

I agree not to join in cyberbullying tactics or be used by cyberbullies to hurt others.

I agree to "Stop, Block and Tell" when I am being targeted by a cyberbully and to "Take 5!" to help me calm down and walk away from the computer.

I agree to be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

Signed by: _____ **Date:** _____

Print name: _____ **Age:** _____

E-Mail (optional): _____ **State/Province:** _____