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TO: The Honorable Luke Clippinger
Chair, Judiciary Committee

FROM: Tiffany Johnson Clark
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RE: House Bill 99 – Criminal Law – Sexual Solicitation of a Minor Through
Child Pornography – Prohibition - **Favorable**

The Office of Attorney General urges this Committee to favorably report House Bill 99 sponsored by Delegate Sandy Bartlett. This bill expands the existing crime of sexual solicitation of a minor by prohibiting a person from committing the crime of sexual solicitation of minor with the intent to commit a violation of the prohibition against production or distribution of child pornography.

This type of legislation would strengthen the State's ability to protect the most vulnerable of Marylanders – our children. For the foregoing reasons, the Office of the Attorney General urges a favorable report of House Bill 99.

cc: Delegate Sandy Bartlett