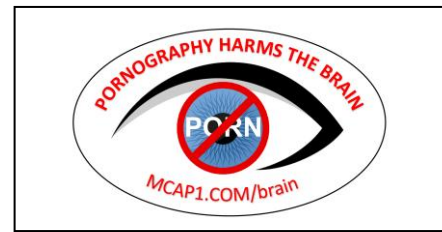


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## In support of SB 221

MCAP thanks Senator James for sponsoring this bill and this committee for its hearing. We add our voices to those who are pointing to the need for increasing the severity of penalties for perpetrators convicted of possessing large quantities of child pornography. The sheer quantities of this heinous material held are mind-boggling.



These images often are repeatedly shared, revictimizing society's most vulnerable beings. Cases with high numbers of these images evidence *aggravating circumstances* deserving of heavier disciplinary measures. MCAP applauds efforts to modify the sentencing guidelines and put more teeth into our law, to make the punishment fit the horrific crime of child pornography.

We also wish to recommend that Maryland law might change the terminology, such that child pornography be called **Child Sexual Abuse Material**, or **CSAM**. Why? Please see *Terminology Guidelines for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse* (Adopted by the Interagency Working Group in Luxembourg, 2016) - <https://ecpat.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Terminology-guidelines-396922-EN-1.pdf>.

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