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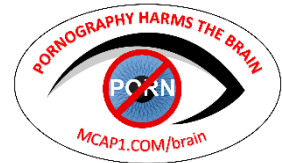
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Maryland House of Delegates

In support of HB 1212

Donna Rice Hughes
President
"Enough Is Enough"

MCAP is thankful for this bill which seeks to solve a huge problem facing families today that is beyond solving by parents alone - the dangers to the safety of children presented by unfiltered internet-connected devices.

Dr. Jerry Kirk
Chairman and Founder
pureHOPE

The approach taken by this bill offers a technically simple, elegant solution: turn **on** filtering of sexually explicit material **by default**.

Bishop David Perrin
Senior Pastor
Christ Kingdom Church

To grasp the problem, I recommend that you watch a **free** 2020 documentary video entitled [CHILDHOOD 2.0](#). Here's a sample of the disturbing trends and statistics it delves into:

Roberta Roper
Maryland Crime Victims'
Resource Center, Inc.

53% of American children get a cell phone by age **11**. They spend many hours daily on these devices which are worse, addictively, than slot machines. 27% of all unfiltered Internet content is explicit or pornographic, and nearly 50% of children have been exposed to it by age **8**. In 2019, porn sites received more Internet traffic than Amazon, Twitter and Netflix combined. Social media apps are saturated with explicit material that can be shared via back door methods like chats.

Patrick A. Trueman
President Emeritus
National Center on
Sexual Exploitation

In 2023 alone, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children received **105,653,162** [49,528,198 videos, 54,842,374 images, and 1,282,590 other] files related to child sexual abuse and exploitation – and those are only what were **reported**. See <https://www.missingkids.org/content/dam/missingkids/pdfs/2023-ncmec-our-impact.pdf>

Dr. Ann Yeck
Marriage and Family
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Much of today's porn contains extreme physical and verbal aggression and violence.

The Rev. Curtis Young
Pastor Emeritus
Presbyterian Church
of the Atonement

Regarding smart phones and tablets - technology is best when it's easy and intuitive to use. This is NOT the case with filtering technology today. **Families need help**. We parents know that manufacturers **can** turn on the filtering. Government regulates safety for other materials harmful to minors, like tobacco, vaping and alcohol. We don't put those potentially dangerous products freely in the hands of minors? No. *Why should internet connectivity for minors be so **unregulated**?*

We urge a favorable report on HB 1212.

Respectfully submitted,
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Education Chairperson
Maryland Coalition Against Pornography