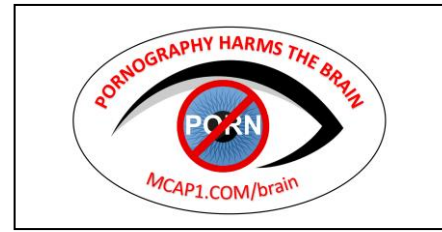


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Judicial Proceedings Committee, Maryland Senate

## In support of SB 545

MCAP thanks Senator James for sponsoring this bill and this committee for its hearing. We wish to 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 is burgeoning and mind-boggling. Note the growth in statistical patterns below:

Categorization of CyberTipline Reports	2021 Reports	2022 Reports	2023 Reports
<b>Child Pornography</b> (possession, manufacture, and distribution)	29,309,106	31,901,234	35,925,098
Misleading Words or Digital Images on the Internet	5,825	7,517	8,446
Online Enticement of Children for Sexual Acts	44,155	80,524	186,819
Child Sex Trafficking	16,032	18,336	17,353
Unsolicited Obscene Material Sent to a Child	5,177	35,624	45,746
Misleading Domain Name	3,304	1,948	6,883
Child Sexual Molestation	12,458	12,906	18,021
Child Sex Tourism	1,624	940	2,002

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. Our laws should be continually reviewed and updated considering the ever-evolving predatory landscape. We call on you to respond!

We also wish to recommend that Maryland law might change the terminology, such that child pornography be called **Child Sexual Abuse Material**, or **CSAM**. For more details on why this is preferred, 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>

Please enact these significant measures in Maryland!

Respectfully submitted,  
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