



## TESTIMONY FOR HB0663

### Civil Actions – Sexual Deepfake Representations and Revenge Porn

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Lopez

**Committee:** Judiciary

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, co-chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0663 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists, and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

This bill, if enacted, authorizes a person to bring a civil suit against anyone who knowingly sends an image or a video that is indistinguishable from the person's real image that falsely depicts them with their intimate parts exposed or engaged in sexual acts. If successful, the victim can receive punitive damages, attorney's fees and injunctive relief.

We understand the harm that these acts can cause, particularly to young people. They can destroy lives. We strongly support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.