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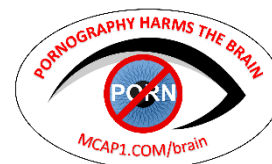
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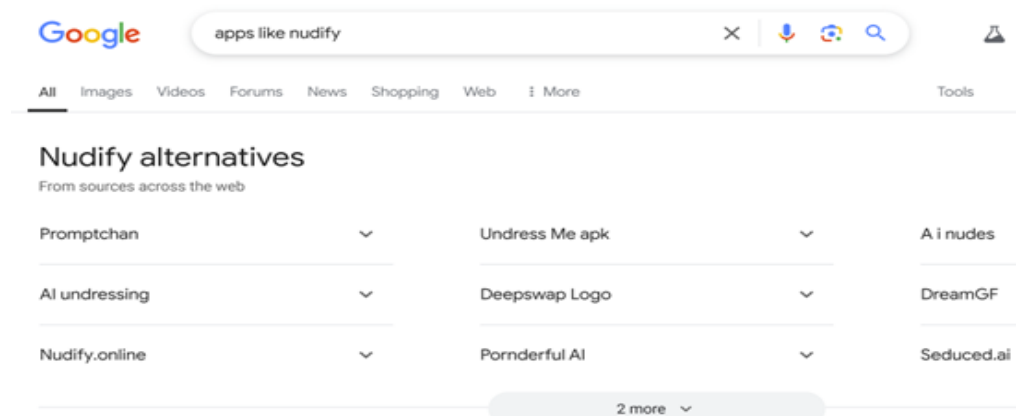
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Chairman Lucas Clippinger, House Judiciary Committee  
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## **In support of HB 1248**

MCAP is thankful for this bill that has so much potential to provide relief for victims of maliciously distributed, or revenge, pornography.

"Nudifying" apps (see the screen capture below for examples) are proliferating, increasingly being used, in effect, to strip images of girls or women of their clothing, without consent.



This terrifying phenomenon is happening to teenagers and adults alike—it could happen to anyone. Passage of this bill could have numerous beneficial effects, such as:

Guiding online markets to adapt and evolve to make profit in less exploitative ways. Enabling more freedom for teen girls and women to not feel threatened or blackmailed with the distribution of their images.

More freedom for women's and girls' likenesses to not be used without their knowledge in computer-generated image-basedsexabuse (IBSA).

More freedom for survivors to not be reminded of, and haunted by, their trauma. Less cyber abuse, bullying and shame.

Advancing this bill will take an important step towards ensuring accountability of online platforms, fostering responsible online behavior, justice and healing. We urge a **favorable** report on HB 1248.

Respectfully submitted,

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