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TESTIMONY ON HB1248 - Favorable
Revenge Pornography and Intimate Visual Depictions - Prohibition and Removal

TO: Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Bartlett, and members of the Judiciary Committee

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My name is Richard Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB1248 - Revenge Pornography and Intimate Visual Depictions - Prohibition and Removal

This bill offers protection to victims of the perversion of use of technology to create and spread pornography. These protections will take effect when this bill passes by requiring certain online platforms to establish a process for an individual or an individual's representative to provide certain notice of and request the disabling of access to or removal of certain visual depictions. A time limit for this action is created by requiring a certain online platform to comply with a request under the Act as soon as possible, but not later than 48 hours after receiving a request and to establish certain data logging requirements. This bill also arms Maryland with tools against this scourge through altering the prohibition against revenge pornography.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB1248.