



TESTIMONY FOR HB0670

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 HB0670 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 to a third party in an unsolicited manner. If the person in the image or video is harmed and if the image or video was expressly forbidden, they can receive statutory damages of up to \$300,000, punitive damages, attorney's fees, court costs, 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.