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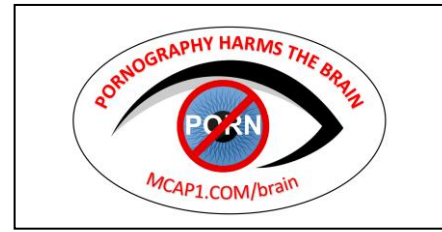
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In support of HB 908

MCAP wishes to thank Delegate Schmidt for sponsoring this bill. Maryland needs to recognize, as most states have, the need for age-verification measures regarding. [Fully half of the states in our country](#) now require uploading of an adult ID or scanning to access online porn. Louisiana, Arkansas, Virginia, Utah, Montana, Texas, North Carolina, Indiana, Idaho, Florida, Kentucky, Nebraska, Georgia, Alabama, Kansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, South Carolina, South Dakota, Wyoming, North Dakota, Missouri, Arizona, Ohio and Tennessee. Why this trend? Because the dangers to immature youth are worsening, and it is clear that purveyors of sexually explicit material will not voluntarily police themselves. It is our hope that Maryland will not lag behind in acting. Maryland is among 10 additional states where such bills are pending.

The Supreme Court, in [Free Speech Coalition, Inc. v. Paxton](#), found age verification requirements constitutional in June 2025, silencing critics who argue they infringe on free speech and privacy rights.

Some critics will belittle age verification as being of little effectiveness because kids will find a way to bypass the methodology. Perhaps, but these guardrail laws nevertheless need to be passed, no less than those that restrict underage purchasing of tobacco or alcohol.

We applaud the enablement of civil actions against commercial entities that violate this newlaw.

We urge a favorable report on HB 908.

Respectfully submitted,

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