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TESTIMONY ON HB0670 – IN SUPPORT

Criminal Law – Child Pornography – Prohibitions and Penalties

TO: Chair Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett, Vice Chair Delegate Debra Davis, and members of the Judiciary Committee

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My name is Ydelka A. Schrock. I am a resident of Harford County District 34A. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB0670, Criminal Law – Child Pornography – Prohibitions and Penalties. I am a parent, neighbor, immigrant, and Military Veteran. I believe in standing up for democracy, social, racial, and economic justice.

As a parent I cannot begin to fathom the traumatic consequences imposed on a child or infant subjected to the sexual abuse involved in child pornography. Over the last 20 years victims of child pornography have been getting younger, and recently there has been a 35% spike of child sexual abuse material online. What is most appalling is that child pornography is much more accessible due to social media and this is unacceptable.

The circulation of child pornography also has the effect of impacting survivors, because of the lack of control over the circulated material. The most used keywords when searching for this content are child abuse, violent, or racist practices. Consumers of child pornography are the witnesses and supporters of sexual violence against minors. They should experience higher consequences for aiding in the violation of these children.

This bill will help increase the penalties for those in possession of this material and it is a positive step towards addressing this violence towards our children. Children cannot consent and should be protected.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB0670.