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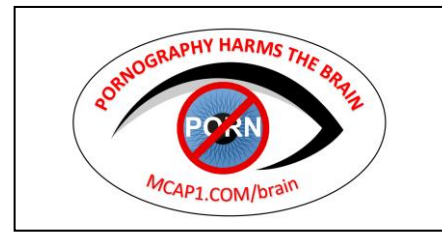
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In support of HB 924

MCAP thanks Delegate Nkongolo for sponsoring this groundbreaking, thoughtful bill that will put a better focus on what is child exploitative material, as the bill outlines. Our hope is that it can help deter the proliferation of kinds and supply of these materials, which only fuel more appetite and demand and thereby endanger children.

Amazon already sells incredibly realistic sex dolls depicting adults (I regret doing a search on Amazon to verify what I had read about), and foreign entities already offer child-like ones abroad. The danger is real.

In 2024, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline received 20.5 million reports, including nearly **63 million files—images, videos, and other materials related to child sexual exploitation**. In Maryland, there were 14,173 referrals and 2519 informational reports. The ones involving **generative AI** surged by **1,325%**, climbing from 4,700 in 2023 to **67,000 in 2024**. a clear signal that **AI-generated** child sexual abuse material (AIG-CSAM) is **growing** and needs to be addressed.

We commend the enablement of civil actions and allowing for the attorney general to take action. This law will send a message.

Respectfully submitted,
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