

**Subject: Support for HB0670 With  
Amendment – Criminal Law –  
Child Pornography – Prohibitions  
and Penalties**

**Dear Chair and Members of the  
Committee,**

**My name is Lisa Gravely, and I am  
writing in strong support of  
House Bill 0670 – Criminal Law –  
Child Pornography – Prohibitions  
and Penalties.**

**While I have not been directly  
affected by the use of artificial  
intelligence to generate child  
sexual abuse material (CSAM), I**

**am a survivor of childhood sexual abuse and trafficking. I know firsthand that the impact of sexual abuse does not end when the abuse stops. The effects are lifelong. Survivors carry the consequences for decades in the form of trauma, mental health challenges, disrupted relationships, and ongoing harm.**

**For that reason, it is deeply troubling to hear arguments that AI-generated CSAM should be treated differently because “no real child was harmed.” That reasoning fails to recognize the broader and systemic harm.**

**Sexual exploitation—whether through direct abuse or through images that normalize and fuel it—creates demand, reinforces predatory behavior, and contributes to an environment in which children are objectified and endangered.**

**We are facing an epidemic of child exploitation in our country and in our State. As technology rapidly evolves, our laws must evolve with it. AI-generated depictions of minors, including those indistinguishable from actual and identifiable children under the age of 13, are not**

**victimless. They are part of a continuum of exploitation that places real children at risk.**

**I respectfully urge the Committee to strengthen this bill by reducing the threshold of “more than 100 images” required to trigger enhanced penalties. In today’s digital environment, the possession of even a small number of such images represents serious harm and dangerous intent. Setting the threshold at more than 100 images creates a very high bar before stronger consequences apply. A substantially lower**

**threshold would better reflect the gravity of this offense and serve as a stronger deterrent.**

**HB0670 is critically important legislation. It closes dangerous loopholes and establishes necessary guardrails as technology advances. We must protect our children and grandchildren so they do not have to live with lifelong consequences of exploitation and abuse.**

**I respectfully urge you to issue a favorable report on HB0670 and to amend the bill to reduce the**

**image threshold for AI-generated CSAM.**

**Thank you for your time, your service, and your commitment to protecting Maryland's children.**

**Sincerely,**

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