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Letters to the Editor  
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Re: Rated XXX (10/12/09) Your article speaks disparagingly of Dr Andrew P. Harris, who is a State Senator, for involving himself in the display of a pornographic film at the University of Maryland's College Park Campus. I think your criticism is unfounded. Senator Harris is doing the job he was elected to do, namely protect the public image of the State's University System and assure that state taxpayer money is well-spent. The courts have told us that obscenity is determined by public standards, and what Senator Harris is doing is trying to get the University to acknowledge those public standards which are very clear to the majority of Marylanders. The dangerous effects of pornography addiction are clearly documented. It is to be hoped that what the Senator is doing will help stem the tide of unhealthy sexual behaviors and addictions which damage individuals, families and society. We congratulate him on his efforts. Hopefully the University will react appropriately and ignore your advice.

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