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Please help to urge our state of Maryland legislators to support these efforts listed below. If you have questions, contact MCAP at mcapinc@mcap1.com or call Peggy Cairns, 301-910-1534.

The Committees are holding hearings and their members, with how to contact them, are listed below. If you reach out, be sure to indicate your address and if you are a direct (geographical) constituent. It need only take a few minutes on a phone call to mention the bill numbers and the stance you wish for them to take.

[HB0025](#) Public Schools - Sexually Explicit Materials - Prohibited in Libraries and Media Centers (Del Mangione) – Hearing in the House Ways & Means Committee

[HB 99](#) Criminal Law – Sexual Solicitation of a Minor Through Child Pornography – Prohibition (Del. Bartlett) - House Judiciary Committee

[HB 145](#) Criminal Law - Revenge Porn - Visual Representation (Del. Pippy) – House Judiciary Cmtee

[HB 671](#) Criminal Law - Display of Obscene Material to Minors – Prohibition (Del. Grammar et al) – House Ways & Means Committee

[HB 672](#) Criminal Law - Display of Obscene Materials to Minors - Age Verification (Del. Grammar et al) – House Economic Matters Committee

[HB 772](#) Internet-Connected Devices and Internet Service Providers – Default Filtering of Obscene Content (Maryland Online Child Protection Act) (Del. Henson) – House Economic Matters Committee

[SB 65](#) Criminal Law - Child Pornography - Prohibitions and Penalties (Sen. James) - Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

[SB 113](#) Criminal Law - Sexual Solicitation of a Minor Through Child Pornography – Prohibition (Sen. Kelly) – Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

[SB 182](#) Criminal Procedure - Facial Recognition Technology - Requirements, Procedures, and Prohibitions (Sen. Sydnor) (cross-filed with HB 338) – Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

[SB 355](#) Criminal Law - Display of Obscene Material to Minors – Prohibition (Sen. Salling) – Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

[SB 382](#) Criminal Law - Display of Obscene Materials to Minors - Age Verification (Sen. Salling) – Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

[SB 780](#) Internet–Connected Devices and Internet Service Providers – Default Filtering of Obscene Content (Maryland Online Child Protection Act) (Sen. Muse) – Senate Finance Committee

[SB 858](#) Revenge Porn - Civil Action and Reporting Requirement (Sen. Hester) – Sen. Judicial Proceedings Committee

[House Judiciary Committee members](#) (<click for list with contact info)

[House Economic Matters members](#) (<click for list with contact info)

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[Senate Finance Committee members](#) (<click for list with contact info)

January was Human Trafficking Awareness Month, which makes this article especially pertinent reading: [Today’s Porn Industry: 5 Things Every Parent Needs to Know](#) – from “Defend Young Minds” (summations):

#1 The Porn Industry is Complicit with Sex Trafficking of Minors, Rape and Pedophilia

#2 Easy Access for Kids: The Porn Industry’s Business Model Makes Access to Hard Core Porn FREE

#3 The Porn Industry Promotes and Normalizes Incest, Racism, and Degrading Violence to Women

#4 The Porn Industry Is Corporate and Mainstream

#5 The Porn Industry Uses the Big Tobacco Playbook to Deny, Disinform and Defame Opponents

Obviously, parents need to be savvy when it comes to industries that directly harm their children. The more you know, the better you can prepare your kids to reject the toxic, sexually exploitive content that is modern day pornography.

2024 – A New Year! Did You Make Resolutions?

Many folks step out into this time of year with good plans to break old, unhelpful behavior patterns, and try to find ways to improve or start new things. Also, for people who observe faith traditions, Lent is approaching, a season of intentionality to give up something for 40 days, Feb. 14 through Easter. MCAP applauds those who wish to embark on those journeys, so we are pointing out some ideas and related articles. *Guideposts* published this [article](#) - **What to Give Up for Lent: 15 Meaningful Suggestions**

There are numerous discussions of apps that offer help on achieving one’s goals. Easy access to the web and apps on phones, tablets and computers can make it challenging to resist the lure of pornography. For most, technology is too essential to daily life to eliminate it. However, thanks to that very same technology, once been used to feed pornography addiction, can also help in recovery. Specifically, for porn addiction – see this very recently updated resource: <https://www.addictionhelp.com/porn/apps/>. The costs are listed; some are free.

ACTION BOX

- ❖ MCAP is in great need of board members and administrative help, e.g. newsletter editing, legislative, graphic design, fundraising and social media outreach! **Please** email mcapinc@mcap1.com if you wish to serve. Monthly Zoom meetings are easy to attend, usually on a Wed. evening.
- ❖ Could your child's school use a speaker to talk about Internet dangers? Contact Officer [Joe Dugan](mailto:joseph.dugan@maryland.gov) at joseph.dugan@maryland.gov. He has been a member of the state Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and is well-experienced in doing this, with rave reviews.
- ❖ Consider telephoning or emailing legislators who have sponsored the bills mentioned in this newsletter to thank them, and contacting the committee members who are hearing the discussions about them, to voice your opinion.



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