

Health Committee,

As a father of one son and four daughters, I am very much in support of this resolution. The problem of sexual addiction is not a new phenomenon, but the opportunity for exposure and accessibility to the sources of this addiction have changed dynamically in the last 15 to 20 years. My children have the opportunity at ten years of age-or less-to come into contact with images and video, writings and more that would have been difficult if not impossible to access not many years ago when I was a teenager. I was not capable of dealing with such powerful influences then, and my children are exceedingly less capable at this age yet more vulnerable and exposed.

As a parent, I've lived long enough to see the damage to myself, my community and my family that has been incurred by the easy access to pornographic material. Each person must take responsibility for their own actions, but just as I would not leave the tools and medium for drug use lying around-accessible to my children-neither do I intend to allow easy access to the medium and tools of sexual addiction. However, as I try to protect my family, there seems to be a flood of availability and insufficient tools.

As a community, we need to recognize the need for more action. Just as we've identified an Opioid epidemic, it's time to acknowledge the pornography epidemic which is driving the Human Trafficking epidemic.

Thank you,

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