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To the Ohio State Legislature,

It is encouraging to see the states across the United States taking seriously the scourge of pornography that is gripping our nation. As a national leader in the fight to end sex trafficking in America, the U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking recognizes pornography as the most significant fueling factor of sex trafficking in this country. We have placed great emphasis on fighting this epidemic.

Research now proves without any shadow of doubt that pornography has far-reaching, negative implications on our society that was not known many years ago. Recognizing pornography as a public health crisis in states throughout the nation is not only a true statement, but also an important step in allowing the problem to be addressed in meaningful ways.

With the strongest conviction, we urge the Ohio State Legislature to pass Resolution HR 180 that Representative Jena Powell is sponsoring which recognizes the public health crisis created by pornography in Ohio. Individuals and families should be educated and empowered to make informed decisions about pornography given the widespread research and science available on its harmful effects. We believe that education, prevention, research and policy change is needed to protect people from the harms of pornography.

Sincerely,

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