

To : The Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs

Re: Inquiry into age verification for online wagering and online pornography

My concerns are based on what I see, hear and perceive is happening in my work in a primary school, the information / statistics that I access through Christian groups that I subscribe to, which then influence the future not only of my children, grandchildren and great grand children, but for this great nation.

The harms to children are especially concerning, given that today's kids represent the first generation ever to be raised on tablets and mobile devices.

Studies have drawn links between pornography and a host of social ills such as depression, anxiety, stress, decreased sexual satisfaction, negative views of women, sexual violence, and even sex trafficking. "It's not hurting anyone" has turned out to be a momentous myth.

Could I implore the members of the committee to first ask themselves – "do I indulge in pornography?" And if so, excuse yourself from any comment or discussion into this issue so that there would be an unbiased and wholly honest outcome from any debate or discussion on this subject.

Thankyou for the opportunity of voicing my opinions and concerns on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

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