



February 4, 2019

Hawaii House Committee on Intrastate Commerce

Re: **Opposition to House Bill HB 567/SB254**

Dear Chair Ohno, Vice Chair Kobayashi and Committee Members:

On behalf of CTIA, the trade association for the wireless communications industry, we provide this testimony in opposition and outlining concerns regarding House Bill 567/Senate Bill 254, establishing internet service provider digital blocking. This legislation prescribes how anyone providing internet access must provide blocking capabilities. Although well intentioned, CTIA believes the bill is not necessary and is unworkable. The wireless industry is committed to providing resources to help families use technology safely and responsibly. As part of this commitment, wireless providers, and many device manufacturers, already offer tools to customers to help manage their mobile experience. Providers offer content filtering technology that works on smartphones, tablets, and computers, helping adults and children make positive digital choices everywhere they browse.

The wireless industry understands the concerns raised in the bill with respect to protecting families and children from inappropriate content, online interactions and websites on the internet and has addressed this through its offering of parental controls and filtering capabilities for customers. For example, AT&T offers *Smart Limits* that helps consumers manage their family's phone use by setting sensible limits on texts and purchases, blocking data and viewing daily and weekly activity at home and on the go.¹ Verizon offers multiple options. *FamilyBase* is a service that monitors wireless activities, sets usage limits and includes the ability to block unwanted contacts, apps and inappropriate web content.² *Mobichip Safe Browser* replaces the default browser on a child's device, enabling parents to block website content on smartphones, tablets and computers.³ T-Mobile offers a free content blocking service to customers that includes the blocking of downloads, all third-party purchases using a short code, games, ringtones, wallpapers and all chargeable downloads.³

¹ <https://www.att.com/shop/wireless/smartlimits.html>, last accessed 2/2/19.

² <https://www.verizonwireless.com/support/verizon-familybase-faqs/>, last accessed 2/2/19.

³ https://www.verizonwireless.com/support/content-filtering-faqs/#gidad998407_qid647e058255bd, last accessed 2/2/19.

³ <https://support.t-mobile.com/docs/DOC-2745>, last accessed 2/2/19.



Sprint offers content filtering that helps protect its devices against adult content and malware while browsing the web on the Sprint network. The account holder can control access to sites or content determined inappropriate in accordance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA).⁴ Additionally, many manufacturers offer content blocking capabilities within the functionality of the device itself and applications can be downloaded by consumers.⁵

Additionally, CTIA created “Growing Wireless,”⁶ which is an online resource to provide parents, teachers and others the tools to ensure a safe and rewarding wireless experience for children. The program provides information regarding parental control features, parent guides, and additional resources for safe mobile device usage.

It is important to note that trying to filter content is even more complicated in a wireless environment. An ISP’s tools won’t necessarily work if a device manufacturer’s settings are different or if a user browses the Internet through a non-browser app. Wireless users access Internet content increasingly through dedicated apps, and not through browsers. Placing an obligation on one part of the online ecosystem will not be effective. Despite this, filtering technology can be circumvented. Proxy services, VPN clients or other ways can be used to bypass network filtering capabilities. This has been used in some parts of the world to get around Internet content censorship.

This legislation would restrict how wireless carriers interact with their consumers by setting overly burdensome requirements on providers that are redundant and difficult with which to comply. Additionally, wireless carriers provide services to customers on a nationwide basis; bills such as this would create a patchwork of regulation across the country, the cost of which would be borne by all customers, including those in Rhode Island.

The wireless industry continues make changes to its customer facing policies to remain competitive in the marketplace. This legislation would work to hamper competition by placing a static set of rules on customer offerings in Rhode Island, thereby negatively impacting wireless customers in the state.

⁴ https://www.sprint.com/en/support/solutions/device/faqs-about-parental-controls-using-content-filters.html?id16=filtering%20%7Call&question_box=filtering%20%7, last accessed 2/2/19.

⁵“ <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304>; “The Best Parental Control Apps for Your Phone of 2016” BY JORDAN MINOR, MARCH 10, 2016 PC Magazine, <http://www.pcmag.com/roundup/342731/the-best-parental-control-apps-for-your-phone>, last accessed 2/2/19.

⁶ <http://www.growingwireless.com/learn-engage/parental-control-tools/parental-controls-features-and-resources>, last accessed 2/2/19.



The most effective approach for states, companies, and other stakeholders is to work together to educate consumers about the tools that are available to them, especially as technology is constantly evolving. This bill could provide funding for non-profits to hold digital literacy training or for the Attorney General to create a Web site showcasing the resources that are available to consumers.

The wireless industry takes the issue child safety seriously by offering tools with the capability to block content and will continue to do so. Thus, CTIA urges you not to move this bill.

Sincerely,

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Director, State Legislative Affairs

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AS PART OF THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

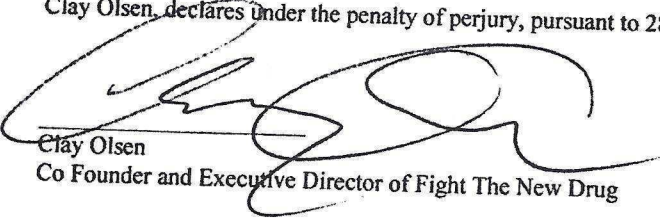
Testimony in support of the Human Trafficking And Child Exploitation Prevention Act - providing 33,000 testimonials from minors whose lives have been devastated by easily accessible pornography through products that distribute the internet

Declaration of Clay Olsen Founder of Fight The New Drug

Clay Olsen declares under the penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 USC sec 1746 and other rules, as follows:

1. I am over 18.
2. During college, some friends and I started an organization, Fight The New Drug (FTND) in response to the growing need for public awareness on the harmful effects of pornography. Objective is to give young people the opportunity to make educational decisions regarding pornography and to help them pursue real love, avoiding it's hollow counterfeits. In addition to spreading awareness, we are FTND assist individuals with addiction to pornography through our unique online program: Fortify.
3. Based on my experience, pornography has created a public health crisis - especially amongst the youth. Pornographers are targeting teenagers and young adults with catastrophic results. I do believe that if the legislature required device makers to sell their products on safe mode under a "face-to-face" accountability program, there would be less victimization and reduce the pain suffering embodied in the attached testimonials.
4. Our organization has collected over 33,000 testimonials from young people living around the world who have attested how unavoidable pornography on products that distribute the internet decreases the quality of their life and harms them. A sample of some of the testimonials we received are attached. I hope that the legislatures will take their voices under consideration in

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Clay Olsen
Co Founder and Executive Director of Fight The New Drug

Boy: 20 years old

“I am really looking for something beyond accountability groups or just monitoring my porn use, because I know the problem is deeper than that and within me, and feel that I could use your services to my advantage in this way.”

Girl: 19 years old

“I was exposed to pornography when I was very young, purely by accident. It was images that I couldn't get out of my mind even to this day. It's been an on again off again struggle where I would get caught and then give it up. Eventually I was old enough to where my parents trusted me and I could be very discreet and delete my history. I didn't realize that I was addicted until recently this past year when I was working with a missions organization that helps students discover Christ and begin to have a relationship with him, and I was on leadership realized I can't be leading people when I'm walking in sin. I always deep down in my heart knew it was wrong but ignored it, and this past year I was able to admit my addiction and seek help. I had some amazing people pray over me and I had real freedom breaking addiction off over my life; however I had the spiritual freedom over my life, but now I need the physical freedom from the urges and temptation. I've fallen since that time, but I've also come a long way from where I used to be. I would really like to have this scholarship because even though I've been able to admit to my parents and other people I trust I feel like there are not many people around me who are equipped to help with this last leg of freedom. Also, I would like to continue being in leadership for this mission's organization, and I don't want to be walking in sin while trying to disciple others and I want my life to be a testimony of freedom and breakthrough. I would like to be completely and totally DONE with pornography and be an advocate for those still struggling and against the porn industry.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I am person who has struggled greatly with this addiction, not having anyone to speak to has made it very difficult for me to stay away from this new drug. Also my religion means everything to me and teaches that pornography is a no go zone for me. Being addicted to it makes me feel bad and depressed as a person and also makes me feel less of a spiritual person, this new drug has affected me to the point where I stopped engaging in activities and doing things which I liked to do before, I really want to stop and return my brain back to normal. Please allow me access to the program; I am also willing to pay for the program if I am not selected. Thank you.”

Boy: 16 years old

“I've had an addiction with this for 4 years and want to break out of it before I finish High School”

Boy: 15 years old

"I am a good kid. Especially when my mom and dad are around. My church is 100% against pornography and I honestly feel like crap every single time I use it. I know I have an addiction, and it is time to get help. I have tried stopping, but obviously that didn't work. I was never meant to get caught up in something as awful as this...but I did."

Boy: 16 years old

"Basically I'm fed up with this addiction. Before I never saw it as addiction but instead a way of life. Now that I understand, it is sunk in that I am addicted and it's not something that I should be proud of."

Growing up I've always been an innocent person and never really seen the opposite sex as sexual objects. Also being raised in a strict family and certain issues in regards to the opposite sex and the views on them are looked highly upon. For example I've been raised to believe that all women deserve respect and are not sexual objects. Also I was raised to see all women as my equal and like a sister to me. However having been exposed to pornography, its changed and manipulated my mind it forming this view on all women. It's something that I have never pay attention to and if I have then I've always said "this is probably a manly think" or "this is how a man thinks". Now that I've seen the various videos you have shown, it's awaken the real "Man" in me and made me relies.

I have tried quitting in the past but I've gone a week then turned back to the filthy addiction. Previously giving up various addictions, this is one that seems to be the hardest to give up because it's available any time anywhere. Also even if I'm not intending to watch it, various things within the media divert attention back towards it.

Iv understood how much it can change a persons mind without them knowing it. Also I now understand and see that pornography as any other harmful drug. Although I'm not physically taking (into my body) the effects and addiction are the same, in fact the addiction is much worse due to the constant supply and availability.

Also I have physically seen the drastic changes in the way society functions around sexuality, which in my eyes in only a few steps away from people turning to pornography. First of my aim would be to permanently turn away from this addictions myself and never look back. My aim after would be help other turn away and see the truth in life but also in themselves in they way they act and think for the better."

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Boy: 19 years old

“I see that porn has brought up some things in me that I never intended to look at or enjoy, and I know that if it continues, it will only get worse. I know porn is poisonous to relationships, and so I will not pursue a romantic relationship until the problem is brought to its knees, and I become the master of my sexuality. I hope that, through Fortify, I can step up to the plate and learn to be the man I know I was made to be.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I am honestly truly addicted to porn. It has become a major problem. I have tried to quit on my own several times before but it would never last. I can never get past this on my own. Please help me, I’m tired of having to deal with this on my own.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I have struggled with Pornography addictions since middle school. I am now 18 and preparing to serve a mission for my church however I need to be 100% clean of pornography before I can leave for that. As well my addiction has been found to be linked to many other issues I've struggled with including, clinical anxiety and severe depression. It has also destroyed many close relationships with family, friends and significant others. I have been trying for years to break free of my addiction to no avail. In my attempts I have used my church leaders, my parents and even participated in an online program called Feed the Right Wolf, however, while they all helped they have not been enough. I feel the Fortify program would be better suit for me personally as learn very well from videos.”

Girl: 20 years old

"I have been suffering with porn addiction since I can remember. I first saw it when I was browsing my Comcast on demand. Once I watched it for the first time and it made me feel good I could not stop. Now about eight years later I am still struggling and feel so ashamed. I am an orthodox Jewish girl and I am completely going against my beliefs and it is causing me so much harm inside. It does not match my beliefs and I am honestly too afraid to go to my parents or even tell anyone about this. As a result I have no money to pay for any porn addiction program because I am under the financial care of my family right now and I am unable to afford any type of program like this on my own. So please help me get rid of this problem without my parents having any knowledge of this. By the time I am able to pay for a program like this on my own, I do not want to need this program! I need this gone and I am realizing 100 percent that I cannot do this alone."

Boy: 18 years old

"I have been struggling with porn for the last 5 years and I am sick of myself for looking at it, I have tried ways to get myself to quit and I'm slowly weaning myself off of it, but I still look at it once or twice a week and its always followed by masturbation. I really want to get over this addiction and maybe this source can help me. It seems its compulsive now, I don't feel a sexual drive I just feel the need to watch some."

Boy: 17 years old

"I've been struggling for so long with masturbation and watching porn. I've goggled many times for any solution. I do always ask god and pray to help me. I need to find the right way; I don't want to do this shit anymore! It feels like an unstoppable addiction. I keep asking myself every single day; why can't I stop it? Did you lose control over your OWN body? C'mon you know many people who stopped it, many people who didn't even do it! Maybe I can't express how much I NEED to stop it, but believe me I feel like eventually god sent you to help me. I hope you get how I feel right now. I also hope my words were enough to convince you to select me. Thanks."

Boy: 18 years old

"I want this as badly as I want to breathe, because I know that it is killing my spirit, and it is killing my dreams. I just need some help, and I know that with some help and encouragement I will do this."

Boy: 16 years old

"I really need to quit. It may not be damaging at the moment, but in the future, I know if I don't quit it will ruin me. I hate that I fall to temptation and really want to get rid of it completely and for good."

Boy: 18 years old

"I have a solid group of friends with whom we talk and battle together to overcome our addictions to pornography and masturbation. However, I am going to college out of state in the next few months. My friend recommended this program to help fight against this evil addiction even. Also, I would like to defeat my addictions while I still have my family and close friends to support me."

Boy: 19 years old

"I have been struggling with porn for over the past 8 years, and have realized it's negative effects spiritually, academically, and physically. I want to overcome and have started to make moves to prevent myself from viewing porn in many occurrences."

Girl: 16 years old:

"I am currently 16, and I have been battling this since I was roughly 11. I don't have as bad an addiction as some, but I keep making the same mistake over and over again. This cycle needs to stop before I completely give up on myself. I believe fortify is the way to do that."

Boy: 15 years old

"I have been addicted to pornography for way too long. I found an online community called "nofap" back in June and have been trying to abstain since. The longest I've been able to achieve is 36 days. I felt so good during that time! Lately though I've fallen back into the cycle and really need support. Sometimes I just feel so lost and confused, feeling helpless like my addiction controls me. I deserve to be free from this disease. I'm 15 years old and need your help. When I saw on my YouTube feed that fortify had launched I jumped with joy!!! Please help. It would mean the world to me!!! Thank you so much! God bless!"

Boy: 16 years old

"I have been addicted to Pornography since I was eleven years old, I am currently sixteen years old. Everyone in my life think that I a perfect kid and that I have never done anything wrong; my friends, my family, my religious leaders. I have had to lie on a daily basis to hide my shameful secret. I want to be rid of my addiction and stop living a lie. Please help me by letting me use your amazing program for free. It would mean the world to me and help to change my life for good."

Boy: 13 years old

"I've been addicted to porn for over a year now. It has ruined my social life, grades, my ability to connect with people, and has increased my anxiety. After finding out the negative effects of porn around 6 months ago, I have been constantly trying to quit. I think I should be selected to join the Fortify Program because it might give me the tools to overcome porn addiction for good before it ruins my life."

Girl: 15 years old

"I just think the whole situation is really gross. I have severe depression and I think I just use it to cope somehow... like sort of punishing myself because I know that I don't want to see it and that it is against my morals. It's really embarrassing and I just end up hating myself even more and cutting. I went for about maybe a year without it and somehow started up again. I know that I can overcome this. I want and need to. I just want to be normal. And I hate keeping things from my parents."

Boy: 17 years old

"Pornography has stopped my growth as a person many years ago. Throughout high school, my problem has been becoming worse and worse, now reaching an all time low. I never had a chance to develop healthy relationships with peers or adults, and the relationship with my family has become severely weakened because of my secrecy. So many of my thoughts and so much of my time is consumed by porn that it is alarming. I am an addict. I've finally come to terms with that after fighting it for so long. Desperately searching for help, I have stumbled upon this program, and I see it as a huge blessing; I could not have asked for anything better. I'm honestly scared that I will never be able to make the change and finally break free. Porn has such a powerful control over my life, I don't know what to do. That's why I'm signing up for this program. I need to turn my life around. I want to break free."

Boy: 16 years old

"I can feel my addiction-related thoughts and emotions getting stronger and stronger. I fear relapse, but I believe this program can teach me what is happening to my mind and body and how I can combat my addiction effectively. I also fear to involve my parents cause though they care for me, this would be an extremely emotional thing for them to be told and they have an immense amount of stress right now. They are my only way of purchasing this program, but that would show my addiction to them. I have others for support that know of my situation, so I would like to spare my parents the pain since they aren't needed for my recovery. I need to change my life. I need to become the person I am supposed to be, and my addiction stands in my way. Please pick me for a scholarship to the fortify program."

Boy: 17 years old

"When I first knew about FTND a rush of hope came alive that at least someone somewhere is doing something about it. One of my friend got caught and since then his parents have limited his allowance. I fear that hate and sarcasm will occupy my life if I open up to my parents or friends so I have kept the battle on a personal level to myself (except my best friend who knows my sickness). I have hope that new scientific knowledge which Fortify is promising will help me win over this viscous disease and start a new life where I be myself as I was once before. Help me please."

Boy: 18 years old

"The reason why I trust fortify is, I have seen Fight The New Drug for a while and I have seen a chance for me- and others to recover from pornography. The website is also aimed at all kind of people, which made me even trust FTND/Fortify."

Boy: 16 years old

"I realized I was addicted nearly a year ago and I've been trying so hard to quit since. It's literally taking over my life, I have good days and bad days but it really gets me down when I think about the power it has over me. I really wish I could do it alone but so far I'm struggling."

Boy: 19 years old

"I want to quit masturbating and start living a good social life. I have social anxiety I don't participate in any school events I feel guilty and ashamed of myself. I want to proud and confident Thank you for making me a #fighter."

Boy: 17 years old

"I have been struggling with porn addiction for more than 5 years, one of the things I learned was that addiction truly destroyed my life, and it has limited my productivity, I have failed to keep my past academic excellence. I lost my emotional and social well being, it left me in a very dark stage of my life where I am on the edge of losing hope to ever heal, I tried many things, but they all seem to fail in the face of the addiction monster inside of me. All I need is a 2nd chance to prove to myself and to others that I am a decent human worth believing in, and that am not an animal driven by instinct and lust, I pray to god that fortify would be that chance, it would be an opportunity for me to become someone I can accept not hate."

Boy: 18 years old

"I've been on this road for almost 4 years now, it's brought me through some ups and a lot of downs. I struggled along with pornography for almost 3 years before I ever got help. It ripped me apart from the inside out, I knew every step of the way it was wrong and it was hurting me, I just didn't know how to get out. This last year I got support from my family and church leaders, and I've been fighting the good fight. I want to say I'm on the tail end of an addiction, but I've been here before, and then fallen back into pornography. This time I want to get out, completely. I want to be free of it. I will be free of it, I won't give up until I do. But I need help along the way."

Girl: 17 years old

"I have been addicted to pornography since I was in sixth grade, just after my older cousin sexually molested me. I have tried and tried and tried to get away from it and at times I have done quite well, but nothing has been eternal, and that is what I am looking for with this program."

Boy: 18 years old

“I wish to be a leader in my school, church, and community, and the one thing that I continually struggle with is pornography. God has taught me so much in my struggle and addiction to pornography, but I believe that, in order to overcome and help others overcome, I should be familiar with more resources to help a wider base of young men and women in my community who are struggling with pornography addiction. I myself am done with my addiction and desire with all my heart to have Fortify as a resource to spur me on to get rid of my addiction.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I like many others have struggled with pornography. I am sick of the pain. Sick of the regret. I know it's wrong. It throws my spiritual balance off. My physical balance, as well as my mental health. Mentally I make myself feel terrible! I would love to participate in your fortify program.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I can't watch TV anymore without looking for some kind of nudity. I can't be on my computer anymore without ending up on a bad web site. Porn has been apart of my everyday life and I want it out. I want to live my life in a Godly manner, porn free.”

Boy: 18 years old

“It has been 10 years now that I have been hiding this terrible secret from my family and friends. I know it is bad and a sin but something in my mind tells me it's ok and everyone does it. I want to stop and I have tried to stop and have had no success. Even currently I'm attempting to stop but I have fear of failure. I'm graduating high school in 4 months and my biggest fear right now is carrying this addiction with me to college and adulthood. Please, I really need the help.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I have been struggling with pornography since the sixth grade (7 years) and I've had enough. I'm getting out and nothing's stopping me. I want fortify as a tool to help with the recovery process I started 2 years ago but haven't finished as I still occasionally relapse. It's been getting better and I've become passionate about sharing what pornography really is to youth in hopes that they won't even start down the destructive path like I did. I'm taking action along with a few youth leaders and within the months to come and we'll be doing some public speaking and targeting porn at the root. Fortify would be the final push I need to break free and it would also help me educate the people who haven't started looking at porn to stay away from it.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I have severe addiction in pornography. It seems I have attention deficit problems due to it. Vague attention, memory problems etc. Have become socially insecure and jealous. Couldn't control myself from view porn.”

Boy: 19 years old

"It seems I have come to a stage where I need mental stimulation (porn) to get hard."

Boy: 16 years old

"I have been trying to conquer my addiction for years but haven't been able to do so. I'm excited that I may be able to try this program at no cost because I have little faith in the programs I've seen before and am not willing to spend money on something I don't believe in. I hope that this program is useful and if so then I hope I can use it to help friends as well as myself."

Boy: 19 years old

"I've been trying to shake off my addiction to pornography and masturbation for a couple years now. I tried signing up and paying for an online program before but I couldn't afford it because I also help pay for my own schooling. I want to quit my addiction and am trying, but I feel the need for help which I can't pay for at this time in my life."

Boy: 19 years old

"I am a 19yr old, Catholic guy. I truly love my faith and want to be able to live it. I feel that right now I am incredibly weak and unable to fully live my faith. This tears me up inside! I am even studying to become a priest. I could also see myself getting married instead. I don't know where God wants me to go yet but I do know that porn is a huge stone blocking my path wherever I go. I am unable to be the man I want to be because of this sin in my life. I want to be FREE!"

Boy: 19 years old

"I don't have the money to pay for a program like this and I have tried to stop many times trying many different ways but nothing has worked. I'm hoping that this will give me a chance at freedom from this vice that has a grip over my life."

Boy: 18 years old

"I have felt trapped by my addiction. I, like many others, have kept telling myself that I could get over it on my own, but it obviously isn't working. I need another option, because I am tired of constantly feeling ashamed of myself. I just want to be the person that everyone sees in me."

Boy: 17 years old

"I am from Nashville Tennessee. I have been struggling with porn addiction for about 7 years and I want more than anything to stop. Over the last couple years I've realized that my addiction has made my social life suffer and my religious life almost nearly die. My girlfriend and I always fight now and I have no time to work on the things I love. I've tried many different free programs, but I am still to find something that works 100%. The resources that FTND have provided have been amazing and I hope this program is as good as the book. Thanks for all the help and keep fighting!"

Boy: 19 years old

"I've struggled with pornography for my entire pubescent life, and my addiction has caused me to ruin romantic relationships, not receive any sexual satisfaction in relationships, to view women as objects no matter how hard I try to see them as friends, and to lie to my family. My addiction has ruined my life and the lives of people around me. Now even pornography doesn't fulfill my cravings, but I still have to do it. I've been waiting for this program to come out for a few years, and I think that this could actually help me, unlike the many times I've tried to quit on my own."

Boy: 17 years old

"I have been struggling with pornography since I was in 2nd grade. I didn't know the effects it would have on me, but now that I am older I realize that it has changed a part of me. I want to overcome it and be a better person, both for myself right now, and the person I will become in the future. If I wait too long, it will just become more difficult . I realize that I have watched porn for almost half of my entire existence. I need to overcome this."

Girl: 17 years old

"I have been struggling with this addiction for years, but have been too ashamed to tell any of my loved ones. I know God wants me to stop. I want to stop. It's not healthy for me and will interfere with whatever relationship I'm in in the future. It kills me that I can't stop on my own and that it's gone this long. I desperately need help to get rid of this nightmare of an addiction."

Boy: 17 years old

"I should be selected because I genuinely want to stop watching porn and want to stop masturbating. I understand how serious it is, and I would love nothing more than to have freedom. I need it. I feel out of control and guilty. I don't want to feel that way for the rest of my life."

Boy: 19 years old

“Porn and sexual addiction has completely destroyed my life and my faith. I have read the Fortify book before and I'm hoping the program will help reinforce those tools and strategies and help them stick more long term this time. I have been checking the website for months regularly for the launch of the program and I'm glad to see its up. I've never felt more hopeless about myself than I do now. I'm willing to try anything, and I hope this program will help me finally break this. Thanks a lot.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I have been viewing pornography since I was 12/13 years old. At first it made me feel good and wasn't very bad (in my mind). But as the years went on I noticed that pornography has stayed with me. I look at it almost everyday and I have already started to see the negative effects it's having on me. The worst part is I pray about wanting to end this addiction and I beat myself up about always falling back into it. I am a Christian so I see that I am forgiven if I do sin but there is still this part of me that beats myself up. I have been praying for a way out of this addiction and I believe the Fortify Program is this help.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I've been struggling with pornography for years, and even when I thought it was getting better, it got exponentially worse. Now it is always there. I can't be rid of it. It has ruined my relationships with family and friends, I can no longer talk to them without getting frustrated or annoyed. It has made me begin to think of suicide. It honestly looks like a good option to die. Pornography has ruined my life already, and I want to try and fix my life before or take it from myself. So far, fortify looks like the only option I have. I have no where to turn, and fortify could be a godsend for me.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I've been addicted to porn for about 5 years now. And every time I look at it I feel like a piece of crap. It's poisonous. And every time I look at it the poison just runs deeper and deeper. So it's time for me to get rid of this. And I figure that this is the best way to do that.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I honestly don't have a good answer that would make you like me and accept me, so I am just going to be honest. I have been addicted to porn for 4 years, I have looked almost everywhere on the Internet for help, but it was to no avail. I can't pay for help, sadly, and there are not very many good free resources on the internet so I found you guys and this seemed like a perfect opportunity for me. Do whatever you will with all of that information.”

Boy: 16 years old

“I have been struggling with pornography since I was 11. Now that I have started college, I want to have a fresh start and be free from this horrid addiction. I have tried to overcome this addiction for at least 2 years now and have failed. This time I really am sick of pornography taking over my life and I want to be free from it. I saw this program was free and because I don't have an income and are just a college student I thought this would be the perfect opportunity to overcome this addiction and Satan.”

Boy: 18 years old

“Ten years of my life I have been doing this. I'm not proud of it. I've tried to stop many times. But I just come right back for more. I thought I was strong enough to do this on my own. But I'm not, I am 18 years old now and I am preparing to go to college. Which means I'm quickly approaching me starting to date to find someone to marry. I really do not want this to be an issue anymore. I want to be happy without pornography, even if I end up having to pay for this program. It would be greatly appreciated by a soon to be strapped for cash college student. Thank you so much for having this program be available to the people that need it. I'll be sure to recommend it to the people I know that could benefit from it just as much as me.”

Boy: 19 years old

“Porn is something that has had me for a very long time. In the last several years, I have attempted to overthrow this addiction on my own, and when I realized that I couldn't, I reached for help, but lied my way through it because I felt ashamed to be opening up about that. I've been struggling in silence then, and I can't handle it anymore. Porn has perverted my views on sex and relationships. It's twisted my views on marriage and I don't like the person that I am because of what it's turning me into. I'm an ex drug user, and it would seem that the porn addiction is harder to overcome than the drugs were because of how easy it is to access.

I need help. I'm ready to leave this behind me, and I'm prepared to do what it takes to escape from this. I'm a student leader, and every time I open my mouth to share my heart at churches, retreats or camps, I feel fake and phony. At first, I didn't want to admit that pornography was a problem in my life, but today, I can honestly say that I am addicted and I need help and am ready to accept it. It's destroying my life, and I want to be done with it for good.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I am an older teen who has really struggling with pornography since I first was exposed to it at age 12. For years, I've been trying to beat this drug by myself, and I have finally come to realize that I can't do it without the help from God and others to back me up. I've been surrounding myself with a different crowd of people in hopes to find support, and I recently purchased the Fortify book, which has been incredibly helpful to me.”

Boy: 18 years old

"I can see that porn had really been messing with my life, and though I've "technically" been off of it for about 9 months now, I need some strategies to be able to keep myself from seeing things or thinking about things that would make me masturbate."

Boy: 18 years old

"Because, masturbation is something that can maybe bring pleasure at the moment. But after the act you just feel sick, frustrated and you have the feeling that you haven't control on yourself. It's ruining my life since 5 years (it has created an instability in my life and so it's very harmful to improve in school, sports and my social and spiritual relationships). I want to change that and to be happy."

Boy: 16 years old

"I have been fighting for 4 years and barely making progress... It cost me a relationship with an amazing girl....."

Boy: 20 years old

"Pornography has ruined my life. My left esteem. I have depression. I don't have a lot of friends. My grades have gone down because my priorities are not straight. I am in really bad shape. I even decided not to serve a Mormon mission because I am not worthy or willing to go serve the Lord. My testimony has shrunken. And I'm afraid I'm going to hit rock bottom and not come back from there. When I turn 21 I plan on sponsoring someone younger than me so that they can also get the help they need. Help me out please and thanks."

Boy: 17 years old

"I see that this is a very destructive part of my life that needs to be confronted. With the help of this program I believe I would be able to be directed on a path that can lead me to freedom from this. I want to avoid future destruction."

Boy: 18 years old

"I have been struggling with pornography since I was 15. I've had periods of relief but I've never had lasting resolution. I recognize that in my own life, the main reason that I have viewed pornography is because of not being secure in who I am as an individual. Through personal growth, I have largely overcome that insecurity. But the addiction of pornography hasn't left. I am disgusted by the act but I am stuck in the addiction. I need fortify to help me with the process of fighting off pornography so that I can enjoy a healthy life with healthy relationships."

Girl: 19 years old

"I grew up in a household where my mother would force me to spend time with my father. His version of quality time was watching child pornography together. I don't want to end up like him and I'm slowly watching myself become very dependent on porn. At the moment I can't sleep unless I hear it. I've tried quitting on my own but almost ruined my relationship with my fiancé. I love him dearly and want to be a good wife and eventually mother."

Boy: 13 years old

"I, unfortunately, do not have a lot of money and I am really desperate to fix the problem that I am having. I stopped watching for over a year and got sucked back in. I thought because I stopped on my own for a while that I could stop again. I am watching just once a week, but I really need to end it now and cut that out of my life. There is a girl that I have strong feelings for and I don't want this on my conscience or any part of me. I do my best with everything and I feel like I have the potential to become so much more, but right now this is holding me back. I really need these chains to be cut so I can become a better me."

Boy: 17 years old

"I used to be addicted to pornography and it was a serious problem. I have been able to slow myself down where it is not an addiction anymore, but I still use it too much. My girlfriend recently broke up with me, and I have been struggling to not fall back into my old amount of porn usage. I just want this ugly habit out of life once and for all. I know I will be so much happier without it."

Boy: 17 years old

"the past couple of months have been phenomenal for me. I have identified many of my problems in other aspects of my life that have persisted for years and am currently working on them."

Boy: 16 years old

"Until a few months ago, I was not even aware of these problems in my life because I used to suppress my emotions assuming them to be normal. Now, that I have identified these problems through guidance from an older friend, I feel extremely motivated to make myself a better person. This would be the best time for me to free myself from the shackles of pornography and masturbation."

Girl: 19 years old

"I was sexually abused as a Child which led to a dependence on sexual activities. I have struggled with these issues since I was 7 years old. I have tried all the free programs out there and can't seem to break free. I want to be free of this binding and debilitating addiction so that I can have my self confidence back and eventually help others do the same."

Boy: 17 years old

"I'm tired of being addicted to something that is only hurting me. I want to be free of the guilt and the shame. I want to take back control and be free from addiction! I should be selected so that I have the chance to get the help I need and become a new person."

Boy: 20 years old

"Exposed at an early age, I have been in and out of therapy for 5 years, attend ARP and SA weekly. I work my program but I am very busy. I am a college baseball player and am in school full time. I need to be sober and I know it but I need the help to do so."

Boy: 16 years old

"My addiction has gone on too long and I have tried many times to break the cycle. This is basically my last thread of hope."

Boy: 18 years old

"Ever since I realized what pornography did to me as a person a few years ago, especially within my faith, I have tried to stop the addiction. But I have not known how to formally deal with it. I desire more than anything to be able to get over the addiction that to this day makes me feel like I don't have control over myself. I'm tired of feeling weak and not knowing how to effectively battle this. Even if this process takes a while, which I realize probably will, I want and desire to start my recovery formally and decisively and brake the chains of addiction."

Boy: 16 years old

"Breaking free of these habits that have almost consumed my life is very important to me, I want to have a pure relationship with my girlfriend as well as positive relationships with family and friends without the corrupting weight of my past. I want to break free once and for all, I want it to end so that I can start getting better. I want to recover so I can learn to love purely."

Girl: 17 years old

"In hope for freedom. I was forced to see pornography by some youth in my church. I was told to accept it or I would be shamed and rejected. I've tried many times to quit or find a path to quitting and all my efforts have resulted in failure. I'm afraid I will never find friends or a husband. I know this is sin. I know its wrong. I never wanted this, but I was afraid. Now I feel guilty and chained to this horrible addiction. I am willing to change but I need someone to help. But I am too ashamed to ask someone. Please help me. Please."

Boy: 16 years old

“Right now I'm sixteen years old and started watching porn when I was eleven. That's five years of dealing with something I don't want in my life anymore despite the fact I keep coming to it again and again. I have Christian friends and a youth leader helping me out but they're all at church and school which gives me almost nothing to help me when I'm alone. I think Fortify would help me in my goal to have a pure heart and mind and be sanctified like the bible calls us to be.”

Boy: 20 years old

“I've been waiting for this opportunity since I first heard about Fight the New Drug. When I was twelve I ended up stumbling upon a soft-core porn film that was a parody of a superhero film that I really enjoyed. Since then I have been compulsively masturbating and watching pornography. I am currently 20 years old as of January 2014. This addiction is making its way into my interactions with female friends. When I get aroused I cannot see them as people anymore, but sometimes I try to seduce them or manipulate them into sending me pictures or talking dirty to me. As a devout Christian this grieves me deeply and it NEEDS to stop. FTND has given me hope and encouragement throughout this battle and I would be excited to participate in this new program being offered.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I have been struggling to conquer my addiction to pornography for over two years now. I completed the thirty day program on setting captives free and I've set security systems on my computer but always find ways around and eventually out of it due to lack of discipline and desire.”

Boy: 18 years old

“Like many people that have struggled with pornography, I became addicted to it after the first few times that I watched. It eventually invaded my life and made me unhappy. I continue this unhappiness and I really haven't been as happy as I was before I started watching pornography almost six years ago. Recently, it ruined my relationship with girl that I loved for three years throughout high school. I want to change my life around and be happy like I was before.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I really want to serve a mission for my church, but someone who has addictions to porn and masturbating can't go. I feel like I am so close to beating this. I just need that edge against the addiction so that I never go back.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I have struggled for over a year of relapses now and need someone or something to help me push past this nightmare I'm living in...Please help me so I can help the rest of the world and be the person I was meant to be. I no longer want to be this shell of a person trapped in my own skin.”

Boy: 18 years old

“Because I need it more than anything in the world I don't have the means to get a program like this and pornography is consuming my life, my college education, my social life, even my sex life. So a program like this is just the thing I need to get better.”

Boy: 16 years old

“I've been addicted to pornography since I was 12, and I have been masturbating daily since I was 15. I'm tired of watching it day in and day out. Sometimes three times in a day. I want to be free of this addiction.”

Boy: 16 years old

“I've been struggling for a long time trying to give up porn and managing to last a couple of weeks without it but then a sudden urge starts pulling me back towards it after which I become more addicted to it than before. I believe that I have the will, all I need is guidance.”

Boy: 18 years old

“After over five years of pornography addiction, I want to break free from it, but can't. I see this program as a way to finally understand addiction and ways to finally recover from it.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I have struggled for years with sexual addiction. I want to be free! Not only that, I want to help others be free as well. I am actively involved in a local youth ministry and I want to be able to lead these youth to the freedom that I experience. I want to be the difference so I can make a difference!”

Boy: 19 years old

“I've been unfortunate enough to grow up in such an environment where I started self-soothing activities very young and started entertaining myself because no one was there to say otherwise. Therefore I've become addicted to masturbation and pornography and have tried to stop multiple times. It's nearly impossible to white knuckle this addiction. It's readily available at any moment you want it, it's free, and it's shameful. I want to know what my life could be like without having to live a double life, in hypocrisy, lies, etc.. I want to have a future in which I can be open and honest with my spouse and be happily married. I want to be a father who can set a good example for his kids and whom won't cause any damage to them through his addiction. All of these things are great things to want, but I can't do it by myself. I've tried... and failed... multiple times. I'm a good person, I've just gotten caught up in a cycle of bad decisions and behaviors.”

Boy: 18 years old

“First and foremost, since I am a Muslim, I do realize that viewing pornography is bad. In addition to that, I am a student of the Quran who understands, memorizes and give da'wah too, which only piles up the regret I feel after watching pornography. Second and the most important factor, I fear Allah that He might take away all of my blessings of a good memory and physical strength that He has given me. I fear if I don't cure it, I'll become one of the rejected whom Allah despises. I need help. I certainly don't want to face Him like this on that day. The punishment is too horrifying, I can't even bear to imagine. Also, This addiction has pulled my grades down and is on the verge of ruining my life. Furthermore, it has caused me to think about women out on the streets in a way which I feel ashamed of describing. I humbly request you to grant me this scholarship, so I can become free of this habitual conduct and come closer to Allah. I trust Allah and I trust you for the best decision. Insh'Allah, I wont be disappointed.”

Boy: 17 years old

“Pornography has been THE biggest struggle in my life. This addiction has eaten away at all my regular faith practices. It's been a secret of mine since I was 14 years old. Sometimes, my compulsion to view pornography led to my refusal to spend time with family and friends. This addiction even caused me to feel confused about my sexual identity. In all, porn has caused me to feel so low inside; almost every time after masturbation, I would shake my head and say to myself, "What am I doing? Why am I doing this?" In recent times, I often caught myself feeling numb to the guilt effect that comes after masturbation. The Fortify program would not only help me eliminate this nasty addiction, it would seriously change my life, and I would be infinitely grateful.”

Boy: 16 years old

“I've been struggling since I was 11 it has been the one hindrance in my life keeping me back from being the person God created me to be I've tried everything to quit and it makes me hate myself”

Boy: 16 years old

“I need help and I know it. I have fallen into depression since watching porn and have come close to attempting suicide, please help me”

Boy: 17 years old

“I’ve always tried to be a good kid and have tried to do what is correct. But I feel like a failure and dirty when I see those images. I don’t want to risk my future marriage and my pure view of women because of some stupid addiction. I want out before this gets any worse. I have strong values and love my family with all my heart, that includes my God. I know that when I see those things I am going against all that I’ve been taught and what God wants for my life. I have tried to keep my eyes pure from watching that garbage, but it just takes one moment of weakness to fall back down again in the mud. I need help and I need it for the sake of my loved ones, my future and my life. With the help of God and this program, hopefully I can get the help I need.”

Boy: 17 years old

“Like anyone else stricken with this addiction, I feel that it has impaired me socially and romantically. Also in my personal views, it’s strongly immoral. While I can’t promise to be different than anyone else, this program would allow me to get my life back into a normalcy I’ve never known.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I’ve gotten to the point where pornography and masturbation are every day, sometimes multiple times. I think of myself as a good guy, who generally shows a lot of respect towards women, but porn seems to be the exception, and it’s starting to creep into my other interactions. I start looking at women as objects, and that terrifies me. I’m currently single, and half of my thoughts about a potential mate seem to be about sex, rather than more important aspects of a relationship. I would absolutely hate for a person I care about to be hurt because of my addiction, and want--need--to prevent that from happening.”

Boy: 16 years old

“I am just a normal everyday teen. But I think this would be a good opportunity for me to finally take the last step and quit once and for all. I go to a Catholic school, am growing deeper in my faith, and this is one of the only things keeping me from being truly happy in my life. This is the only thing I trust to help me without becoming a public issue with friends and family.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I’ve been with Fight the New Drug for almost a year now. Seeing your Facebook posts have been very uplifting and helpful, they just haven’t been enough. I am constantly trying to put off the urge to go online but somehow it always makes its way back in. I hope that if I get to use this program that it will be the final step in overcoming the addiction that has plagued my life for so long. Thank You for this wonderful opportunity!”

Boy: 17 years old

“I have struggled with pornography for almost six years, and what started as a curious exploration has turned into a destructive habit that I can see destroying nearly every facet of my life and purpose if I continue to pursue this. I am a very driven person, and refuse to give up, yet I struggle each day to find the hope and courage to fight this drug. I don't want to become something I know I'm not, nor lose the strong faith in God that I once had. Most of all, I realize this may be a fight I cannot overcome on my own, which is a very hard and humiliating conclusion to come to, especially since I come from a culture where it is believed that where much is given, much is expected. I feel trapped and frustrated with myself. I have also become consistently depressed and often feel very hopeless. I feel that pornography is a very misunderstood thing, and that it is not only incredibly degrading and dehumanizing towards women, but also very destructive and painful to those who view it”

Boy: 18 years old

“I HATE the feeling of being stuck and enslaved to my addiction. I look at all of my friends who are in relationships with beautiful girls, and then I look at myself. I've never had a real girlfriend. I've never really been kissed. More than anything, I want a girl to love me, no, I NEED a girl to love me. I have been told (by girls) that I am good looking, and I've also been told (by girls) that there are girls that want to date me. If I could give myself one more ounce of confidence, I know that I could get a girlfriend. But now, because of what I've become, there is no way I could bring myself to ask a girl out. I have no confidence in myself, I feel like I'm the most pathetic, worthless, powerless guy on the planet, and while my addiction is not entirely to blame, it plays a significant part. I want to be free again.”

Boy: 15 years old

“Pornography has affected my life in a negative way in several ways. My confidence, grades in school, participation in church activities, and my relationship with my family. I was first introduced to pornography by my cousin. Then it progressed into my cousin performing sexual acts on me. My parents have been here to help me. They contacted the police and I'm currently in counseling but I need help with pornography. No one has been able to recommend a good solution and then my mom read about your site in the Desert News. I like the idea of getting help at home online. I hope you will consider me for a scholarship. Thanks!”

Boy: 16 years old

“I have been addicted to pornography for a good time now and I used to think that it was ok because everyone else was doing it. I had a life changing experience in which Jesus became my focal point. I no longer want to be bound to my sin but I want to do my best to be free from it.”

Boy: 18 years old

"I believe I should be selected because my pornography addiction has gone beyond my limits, I masturbate at least 5 times a day and I have a daily routine for each session, it's become a part of my everyday life and I'm afraid the habit will never be broken."

Boy: 16 years old

"Since I was 3 until I was 8 I was sexual abused and I know some how it influenced in me watching pornography I don't even know why I started doing it but once I started it never stopped. Probably I don't watch it everyday but usually twice a month or so

But the thing is that it makes me feel like crap and that I'm not good enough to let it go I've told my parents about it and I know that they want to help me but they just don't know how. I'm a Christian, I'm fighting with it and I have Christ by my side but I want to do my possible and get help to I want to recover and someday be able to talk about this to other people and tell them that doesn't matter why they started doing it

They can win this battle. Hope you can help me."

Boy: 15 years old

"I have been struggling with pornography for 3 years now. This past week I opened up to a mentor about and I am just beginning the process of trying to stay clean. I went two weeks but then messed up again. I am now 1 week clean but I am really struggling. I am in a constant mind battle and I am barely staying afloat in my faith. I'm not really sure where else to turn."

Boy: 18 years old

"I have been watching for 7 years and have tried to quit for 1. My brain has been so used to these things that quitting seems impossible. I can barely go a week without watching or masturbating. I am slowly getting better though. I can probably pay, so give this to someone else who really needs help. Let me keep my account though."

Boy: 17 years old

"I want to end this addiction to porn. I find it at times I can go on a week or two without watching porn then go on binge watching throughout the next week. I just want to rid myself of this weakness, so I can be a better person and not constantly thinking about porn and women as sexual toys."

Boy: 16 years old

"I have been viewing pornography for over 5 years. I know how much it affects your thoughts, actions, and words. I have had this realization for a while and haven't had the resources to stop. I want to stop. Also, I also want to spread the news of how harmful pornography is to you and those around you but I figure I should do what I preach so as to not come off as a hypocrite."

Boy: 17 years old

"I'm just trying to get out of this. I know it's wrong, but I just can't get away. I feel trapped, and I know that maybe there's people who need this much more than me, but I just want to try to join me here and look for something that makes me change and just be free from this, because I don't really want to be like this."

Boy: 16 years old

"I've been struggling with pornography and masturbation since at least 4th/5th grade (I'm 16 and in 10th grade now). It's been so long I can hardly imagine my life without it. My parents and I have tried just about everything: counseling with professionals and religious leaders, going through workbooks, programs, and all without finishing the habit. I'm sick and tired of not being able to stop myself and I want it to end."

Boy: 17 years old

"I feel as though I have an addiction, or am on the road to having one. I'm terrified of myself and what I'm doing to my brain and body. But, frankly, I hate myself for this. All I feel after is guilt, shame, and self-loathing. I feel worthless. I'm a heavier set girl, and after watching porn, I hate myself even more leading to me overeating and not caring about how I look or what I do. At a point in time I hated myself so much, I began to cut myself. But only on my thighs and the inside of my elbows so no one would see my shame. I want to be healthy, and I want to be free. I've tried to stop in the past, but I always come back to it. Please help me, I don't know how to fix this. I feel like scum and a vile human being. I don't want to objectify people or sex. I just want to be me, and I can't be me while I'm facing this addiction."

Coming from a Christian family, pornography is not something that is often discussed, if ever. However, every male I know struggles with an addiction or the temptation of an addiction, including myself. I have struggled with the addiction for nearly 6 years now, and after getting into college, the addiction has not improved. As much as I try to quit, I keep coming back and that is holding me back in life enough to be very bothersome. This program would allow me to actively be thinking about quitting pornography every single day, as well as learning about the addiction and the pain that comes with it for myself and everyone involved."

Boy: 17 years old

"I starting to see how masturbation is affecting lots of aspect of my life, every time I feel bored and a bit stress out I would masturbate. With this program I hope to stop my addiction to both porn and masturbation."

Boy: 18 years old

"I have been trying to quit this addiction passively ever since age 9 with no success. Just over a year ago I stumbled upon the Fortify program. I read the book and ever since I have spent all my energy on quitting. I still use the battle tracker and though I am at a better place than I was a year ago, I am still addicted to porn. I am willing to try every resource I can find to help against this addiction. It's very important for me to overcome porn and after reading the book I have been excitedly awaiting the release of this program. I hope, with your acceptance, to be able to finally break free of this addiction."

Boy: 15 years old

"I feel as if I really need this program. I feel like I can't get away from this addiction and I know I need help. I want to be free from my addiction. I don't want this to continue affection my religion and my relationships. I'm constantly feeling guilty and worried about what others will think about me. I just want to be free."

Girl: 17 years old

"I would like to be selected for this because this program could help change my life. I realize the same could be said of others, but I am in the point in my life where if I don't beat this, it will stay with me forever, and that is the last thing I want."

Boy: 16 years old

"I should be selected because I have struggled with pornography for almost 3 years now, almost watching it everyday like many other teens struggle with. I know that it's slowly ruining myself and the people around me and I need help. I'm too scared to talk to someone I know about it and can't do anything to fix it on my own, I need help. It's ruining my look on women and destroying relationships with girls and family before they even start and I want to stop it before it becomes an unstoppable problem in my life, I want to stop it before it spreads"

Girl: 20 years old

"I have been trying to stop this for over four years and nothing has worked for me. I am currently in a serious relationship going on 2 years. This gentleman I am dating means so much to me. I want to stop this addiction for myself but mostly so I can give myself fully to my future spouse without any thoughts in my head or heart on our wedding night. I want to not have this controlling me and feeling like I am cheating on myself and everyone else in my life."

Boy: 15 years old

"I'm done. I've been trying so many things to try and stop my addiction but this is my last resort. I'm losing relationships because of it and I'm sick and tired of feeling this way."

Boy: 18 years old

"I should be selected for a scholarship because I want to be able to say that I was able to quit. I am very involved with youth groups and youth camps; and I need to be able to tackle this issue, so that when it comes up I can give testimony and not be embarrassed. I need to be a good example and although not many people know about this issue, I need to be able to look into a campers eye and say you can quit, it's hard but it's not impossible. Take it from me."

Boy: 16 years old

"I have been in search for help to fight the addiction to pornography for a few years, and continue to try to find ways to help me overcome this addiction. I am in desperate hope that this program can help me end this addiction."

Boy: 18 years old

"I am eager to start my own recovery. I believe that Fortify will give me tools that will help me understand the addictiveness behind pornography. With this knowledge, I will begin to pass it to my friends, and let them know that this resource exists. Finally, I want to start a group at my college where I could help both men and women find resources that will help them overcome their struggle with addiction. We're all in this together!"

Boy: 17 years old

"I am a really influential teen in my youth group at church and they follow all my steps. I would not like them to follow these ones. At school I am one of the most recognize students by being the Student Body President, Senior Class President and Sergeant at Arms of National Honor Society. I am also the representative for my school district in the Student Advisory Committee with the state superintendent. All of my titles are worthless thanks to my problem. How can I be a role model when I can't even control myself."

Boy: 19 years old

"I am in a relationship with a beautiful Girl and my addiction it pornography is negatively affecting our relationship. Every time that I do stuff like this is hurts her and so that is the main reason I need to stop. Also I am in college and have no money so I can't pay for things to help me."

Boy: 16 years old

"I need help. It hurts just to write that. I've been struggling for a while, and I'm afraid the breaking point for me is near. I have a beautiful girlfriend and I want to love her the best way I can, and I'm trying desperately to fight because she is worth it, and because I know it's hurting me. I'm afraid of what will happen if I continue, and I want to stop this now."

Boy: 16 years old

"I have been fighting porn for the past 3 years. It is ruining my views of my own girlfriend and is completely overtaking my senses. I go home every night excited because I got to look at porn. After I did it I would feel ashamed and not satisfied knowing that it is like cheating on me girlfriend. I'm tired of my brain telling me how good porn is and I'm ready to leave it for good."

Girl: 18 years old

"I can't keep doing what I am doing. It is ruining my life and I'm only 18! I need to break free from this because this destroyed my dad's family. I can't let this rule my life for when I have a family."

Boy: 16 years old

"If I don't get help while I am still a teenager chances are when I turn into an adult I'll fall into the wrong statistic I've been having trouble with my addiction for so long now. I've tried going and talking with my religious leader about it which really helps, but at the same time I always fall back into the same trap. I think that this program is the way that I can finally escape this vice that I have. I know I can't do it by myself and I think this will help give me the tools to finally overcome! I think about my future wife and kids and how I don't want to always have this secret in my life. I want to be confident and know that I don't have a problem like this."

Boy: 18 years old

"Ever since the 6th grade, I have found myself in a constant cycle of use, recovery and reuse. I notice the temptations in myself to watch pornography and the detrimental effects that it ensues. It is my time to stop and I feel a calling that this is my time to recover forever and this the program for me. Thank you for all you guys do."

Boy: 19 years old

"I have been struggling with this for almost 10 years now. I am burdened by this addiction and it is ruining how I not only see women but how I treat men. I want my relationship to improve with my girlfriend and I feel like I am cheating on her every time I fall. I am tired of looking at others, I want to remain faithful and get over this addiction that started so many years ago."

Girl: 15 years old

"I would like to be an actor. But each time a decision is made like making a portfolio or going for an audition, I feel like I can't do that and spend my energy in viewing pornography. Every time I failed. I think if I overcome porn I can do well in my field. I'll do whatever sponsorship and other help to your organization because if I am selected for a movie definitely I'll be paid so that I can contribute and help others. I'll always be there for the organization in future."

Boy: 19 years old

"I am simply done engaging in this activity. I'm only 19 years old and I don't want to let this addiction control my life and affect the ones around me I love. I have a girlfriend who I want to marry and this is something that needs to stop before I can make that step I have seen how pornography affects my life and I feel bound and trapped in my everyday life. I have tried different methods of quitting but eventually fell back into the same bad habits. I want to learn how to quit for good."

Boy: 19 years old

"I've struggled with this addiction for a long time, and I've stuck with Fight the New Drug anticipating the launch of Fortify for almost two years. I don't have very much money, and this is an issue that I can't talk to people about without it causing problems in my relationships. The people I can talk to about it don't think it's a big deal and aren't willing to help me. I can't do it alone, and I think Fortify is my window of opportunity to finally beating this."

Boy: 14 years old

"I am looking for help and embarrassed to ask."

Girl: 16 years old

"I would like to be selected so that I could be free, not constantly wondering who is going to find the porn on my phone. It is taking over my life and now it is hard for me to differentiate my everyday life from my sexual fantasies and it is causing a problem"

Boy: 19 years old

"I'm sick and tired of living a double life and want to get out before I cause irreparable damage to my life and the people I love."

Boy: 20 years old

"This is absolutely ruining my life. I have a severe addiction and I have tried everything imaginable to stop. To no avail. I am not and never have been addicted to anything like porn. I can stop anything else but this. It has harmed so many of my relationships. Spiritual and physical."

Boy: 20 years old

"Born in 1993 with the internet boom, two older brothers, and no father figure for much of my life, I was exposed to pornography at eight years old. From about age 11 on I have used porn with various frequency. Primarily while masturbating, often for extended periods of time. I am twenty now, and have come to the realization that I will need support if I am going to kick this habit for the rest of my life."

Boy: 18 years old

"I guess there isn't anything that would set me out from the crowd a lot. However, I have been struggling with this for a long time, and I want to get out as soon as I can. If I can minimize the effect this has on my girlfriend/wife (and everyone else, really) now, I think I can get rid of a lot of negativity in our relationship(s)."

Boy: 16 years old

"I feel as I should be selected to get a scholarship due to the fact that I need help getting over this problem, but I would like to help other guys that I know overcome this addiction. I would pay it forward to others. And I would definitely refer friends and fellow strugglers to this program. This program would definitely help me with my relationship with God. That is the most important thing in my life and I continue to find myself falling into this pit of lust and selfishness. I definitely want to get over this problem now rather than still be struggling with it in my future marriage. I don't want to be bound any more. That is why I feel I should be selected for this free access to the Fortify Program."

Boy: 17 years old

"I really want to not want pornography. I hate it. It's fun in the moment, but then the other 99% of my life I wish I didn't have that in it."

Boy: 20 years old

"I want to get it out of my life early. I've been to several sexaholics anonymous meetings and I've seen what it does to you and the people around you. It destroys marriages and when I find the person I want to marry, I want it to be for eternity. Please help me. I really want to have help staying clean."

Boy: 17 years old

"I am desperate to change and I need to change to move forward . I feel like a hypocrite because in other aspects of my life, I'm aspiring people around me. I've tried tons of methods but I still found myself struggling. I need a platform to really understand this addiction yet still respect my privacy. Someday, if I had overcome this, I hope I can help others as well."

Boy: 18 years old

"I feel like I'm close to beating my addiction. I just need help to go a long time without watching it. I don't want to watch it anymore, but when the temptation comes I don't have the courage to stick it out. I just need help to get over this addiction. I don't want to go back to the way it used to be when I was younger."

Boy: 20 years old

"I have been struggling with pornography for 10 years and I'm so done with it! I don't want to grow up and have it affect my relationships. I want to be done with it forever and to just not have to deal with it anymore because I hate myself every time I let myself watch it!"

Boy: 17 years old

“I should receive a scholarship because I've been struggling with pornography for years and have tried to quit over 10 times to no avail! I need help! As of January 1, I haven't looked at pornography or masturbated once. Although, I don't know how much longer I can keep this up...”

Boy: 16 years old

“Because I'm tired of having two faces. I use one to say that I'm over pornography. Then behind closed doors I'm wearing the other to look at porn again. Most of the time I don't even want to, and I know God doesn't want me to. Sex and women were never meant to be like pornography makes them. I want to live like I believe that, and stop living the lies that pornography tells me. I need help to do that.”

Boy: 16 years old

“Simply because I need help overcoming this. I have tried dozens of times and come up short on all of them. Hope is like a roller coaster for me, everything feeling really bleak after a relapse but slowly building up again for another go. I feel like it is taking me longer and longer to be able to find the motivation to try again, I hope this will be the answer. Thanks.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I need help. Because of my addiction I can't have a normal relationship and I avoid people completely because I know what I think and feel is wrong but I can't seem to fix it myself. I'm drowning. I won't let myself date at all because of this problem and I believe that other people should be with people better than me. People who understand the true worth of a person and not just what they look like.”

Boy: 20 years old

“Because I am a part of the generation that was raised with the internet, I went through puberty during the Dotcom boom, and came of age at the same time as the internet, which is the key thing that makes modern pornography so serious. This gives me unique insight into this issue.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I have been struggling for around 6 years with pornography. I never realized how addictive it could be or what was happening to me until recently thanks to fight the new drug. I knew it was harmful and wrong, but it was always too embarrassing or scary to get the help I needed to quit for good. I have now come to the conclusion that if I don't end this addiction now I could be an addict for my entire life unless something changes. I am confident that through the Fortify program I can break the habits and cycles of addiction and find long term success.”

Girl: 19 years old

“It seems as though I've been struggling with masturbation all my life. I've been masturbating for as long as I can remember, and started reading pornographic stories at the age of twelve. At thirteen, I realized what I was doing was wrong, but I quickly discovered that I couldn't stop my behavior so easily. I am now nineteen, and since then I've been struggling to break this addiction. It seems as though I've tried everything, but nothing seems to help in the long run. At this point, I feel incredibly discouraged, and I know it is now time for me to get outside assistance. I am committed to breaking this destructive cycle, and I know that this program will help me greatly in ending this addiction.”

Boy: 19 years old

“For much of my teen life I've struggled with an addiction to pornography, for many years I was alone, never sought help from anyone and was too afraid too and felt ashamed for this weakness. Almost a year ago I finally came forward to my dad and this Bishop of my church and admitted that for years I've struggled with pornography and I want to break free, I refused to ever tell my mom because I knew it would break her heart and I didn't want to put her in that pain and my dad agreed it was the right thing to do. Since then I've made enormous strides to regaining control of my life with their support. I used to be an at least one pornographic video almost every day, but now I have had episodes usually a couple of weeks before a relapse. I feel myself closer to freedom than I've ever been before, but every day is an enormous struggle to resist falling back into this addiction, especially with the incredible ease of access. I want to finally be able to once and for all break free from this addiction and live my life normally. I feel it's influence on my life everyday, I look at girls and I always think, "I wonder how good she is in bed? What's she look like underneath the clothes? Hot or not?" These thoughts are sick and I immediately cast them away but they constantly haunt me as I try to live my life normally and righteously. Before I went for help I dated a girl for a few months, and this was when the influence was really felt in myself. When I would ever be with her, I was in a constant struggle, when I was alone with her I felt the addiction truly take hold of me, I would want what I've seen in the videos, try to make it happen, in a few instances I came too close. I was afraid of myself, I had sworn I would never have sex until I was married, yet pornography had made me so weak that I nearly broke that promise. It was after this that I understood the full extent of my addiction, and it was not long after this that I finally received help and fight it today. Recently I've been able to fight these thoughts and feelings, much stronger than I've felt in years, but I fear the day that I'll relapse into addiction. I want to fight this and eventually break free, that I can be with others again without fear of myself. I feel it gaining strength in me every day, and I now know that I need something to fight back, to have a chance at living a normal life, to hold what I've fought painfully for and to build more, free from the threat of this addiction once and for all. I hope that through this program I can find the help I need to truly be free, to go through a day without an enormous struggle against my addiction, weakened with time, but I fear has also strengthened it.”

Boy: 17 years old

"I have been dealing with porn for 8 years now and going on with 9. it has stolen my self worth and makes me doubt who I really am. I can't even feel real love. I don't even know what that is. I begging you to help me. I been to the bishop several times. I would love your help. I really want to be clean once for all"

Boy: 20 years old

"I think I need this scholarship for free access to this program because I am a twenty year old man and I just got married and I would like to completely free myself of my porn addiction so that I can be the husband my wife deserves. As much as this is about saving myself, I want to do this for my wife more than anything."

Boy: 15 years old

"Because I am determined to quit this disease, I realized I have nothing to gain from pornography , and was the worst mistake of my life! I tried to quit on my own but I failed like 5- 8 times , I reduced watching porn from 1 day to 3 weeks but every time I tried to quit , the "need" comes and I just feel like there is a second person in me that wants porn so bad and after I watch , and I'm done , I feel so disappointed.. I was thinking about talking to a professional but in my country this branch is not so flourishing . and now I see this program and I want to get in :)"

Boy: 18 years old

"I am a young man and I have been addicted since I been a little lad. I have seen what the damage that it has caused and what it can cause to my family and future family if I don't get help. I tried everything to get away from this addiction and my friend told me about this program. So I have been praying and the answer I got was to try this program. I'm putting my full heart and mind into this recovery and I want to become a better person."

Boy: 19 years old

"I always told myself I could overcome it alone. that would explain why I have failed time and time again. stumbling across this program gave me a new chance, a renewed hope that I can overcome this mountain. I told responsible people. I got some help. there has been a lot of praying in the group of guys I am with over my condition. this program could be the answer to our many prayers."

Boy: 14 years old

"I have been struggling and fighting for freedom. Pornography has made be feel disgusting and I seek to feel ok with myself again. I have been trying to bare knuckle it with god and it has been destroying me inside and out. There have been times where I have tried self harm because I feel like something is wrong with me because I watch it and can't get out of this cycle."

Boy: 16 years old

"I have struggled with pornography for over 6 years, and it is tearing me apart. I am ready to make new changes in my life, and want to be able to be a family man very soon. I know women are degraded enough, and I want to start helping women to not be degraded, and the first step for me to help in that effort is to get away from my pornography addiction."

Boy: 20 years old

"I have been struggling with the battle against pornography since the age of 12. I am now 20 years old and am sick of my addiction. I need and want to get rid of it and I think Fortify can help."

Boy: 17 years old

"I have been struggling to have victory over pornography for nine years now. It has ruined many relationships that I once held dear, I just want to have control over my life again."

Girl: 19 years old

"I'm kind of out of choices. My addiction isn't bad enough that it's 'ruining' any of my relationships, but it has started having an effect. My biggest downfall is my laziness when it comes to putting in the effort to try to control whatever urges may occur."

Boy: 18 years old

"I have really been going through some things that have affected my life. I really need to find solutions and advice for my problem. After looking at the video and reading the reviews, I really thought this could be a thing that can change my life very much. I know that is short and wasn't as brief but I really need this."

Boy: 16 years old

"I am 16 years old and imp addicted to the new drug. I'm embarrassed about it. I told one friend about it and they just said "oh its natural you'll grow out of it" but it feels so wrong. I feel hopeless. It's taking up too much of my time. And if this program works for me I will start to reach out to anyone that is near me and has similar problems so I can bring them peace through this program."

Boy: 18 years old

"I am a normally disciplined person. I worked through college during high school and was able to earn a bachelors degree at age 18. (If you don't believe me, I can send you my transcripts!) I am planning to go into law and have received generous scholarships from a number of schools. I sing, play multiple instruments, write music, and play concerts with my band. I work out three times a week. I have a wonderful and loving girlfriend whom I plan to ask to marry me within months. I have a relationship with my savior Jesus Christ, which frames my worldview, and, in turn, shapes my life. Although I am far from being a perfect person, I am what most people would consider "successful" in most areas of my life. I do, however, struggle with an addiction to pornography. It is not an addiction against which I have taken no action. I have software to keep me accountable to friends; I do not have a smartphone, because I fear the constant internet access - and yet the addiction continues. It causes stress in relationships, numbs me to the sexually inappropriate, and causes me to waste time. I won't be dramatic and say "I've literally tried totally absolutely everything ever," but I believe this program is a reasonable next step for me. Please consider me for a scholarship.

P.S. I don't like making people promises, but if this program is able to significantly help me, it is likely that I will become a life-long supporter and donor to Fortify and Fight the New Drug.

I really want to change. I have been stuck with this issue for a while now. I want to give up this bad habit, many say it's bad but the addiction is critical. Everyday I just want to improve myself on stopping this issue."

Boy: 18 years old

"Because I have had this disease for 11 years of my life and for those 11 years I have never been mentally healthy. I struggle with depression and insomnia and loneliness and curing my porn addiction, I believe, will greatly ease the pain of having those mental/emotional handicaps."

Boy: 18 years old

"I have struggled with pornography for the past five years. I am eighteen now and as time moves on I know that it's really going to affect my relationships with woman and my future wife. I also know that it's really screwing with my Christian walk. I would be very thankful to be chosen for this scholarship. I have tried so many different programs it's almost hard to keep up with them, I want to change that."

Boy: 18 years old

"I've tried to quit many times, you guys even came to my church. Quit for one week, now I'm back where I started. I can't help looking at with pornography every day. It's changed the way I act, treat girls, and it ended up with me being lucky not to get expelled from my private school. Even after that, I can't stop. My friends and everyone in my grade figured out why I almost got expelled and now hate me, which makes me depressed and leads to more porn."

Boy: 18 years old

“My recovery is not more important than that of all the fighters out there. I am not special or exclusive in the sense that I should get a free scholarship. If there is one reason why though, it would be because I am dedicated to the cause. Yes, I relapse all the time, but I am tired of staying down. To be quite honest, I wouldn't mind paying if I had to, even if I don't have the money for it, but the only reason my scholarship would be of any importance would be because of the advice I could give out, because I have been in this mind game for too long.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I have been trying to fight this battle for the last two years. I thought entering college would make things easier, but it hasn't. I have just become more creative in finding ways around my roommates. It seems like everyone around me is doing it, and I have struggled to identify resources to assist me through this journey. I want to break this stronghold the devil has in my life to take my relationship with Jesus to the next level. I am dedicated to do what it takes to break this addiction.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I have been addicted to pornography for 7 years and have needed a change for a long time. I have known this all along and have tried for years to change, but have been unsuccessful. I haven't had anyone to talk to about it which has made quitting very difficult. I need help and can't quit on my own!”

Girl: 16 years old

“My life is horrid. I need help. I can't believe that I am in a situation such as this. I need to be free.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I should be selected because honestly I'm tired of it and I feel so hopeless at times like there is no out of this struggle with porn. I want to be an overcomer because I'm sick of telling young men my age how to get out but I can't even get out myself. I want to be the man God wants me to be and I don't want to live this double life either. I'm really tired of it and need help bad!”

Boy: 18 years old

“I began masturbating at a young age. Slowly I started looking for things to stimulate my arousal. At first it was just pictures than it manifested into the videos. Now there is rarely a night in which I go without masturbation/pornography. I have tried many times to get out of it but it feels as if I'm chained down to this monster society now calls pornography.”

Girl: 16 years old

“As of late, I see the emptiness and bad ways of thinking in which pornography have had on me and I want to break free from it. I also want to express to others how harmful pornography is.”

Boy: 17 years old

"I've struggled with pornography since a friend exposed me to it when I was 10 years old. While I take full responsibility for my continued abuse of it, I didn't have a strong support system and by the time I was confronted about it, when I was 14, I'd already become so deeply involved that it was hard to remove myself. Over the past 3 years, I've made significant progress in my recovery, removing virtually all access to it, but the past 6 months or so my progress has slowed as I narrow down my final routes of accessibility to it. I feel that the Fortify Program would be extremely beneficial in helping me overcome my final steps to recovery, and I can begin encouraging others in their walk too. Additionally, I'm very close to a guy a couple years younger than me who struggles with this too and I'd love to use this resource in coordination with him."

Boy: 14 years old

"I am scared. What I am becoming terrifies me. I find I don't care as often anymore. This problem has been with me for such a long time that I wonder if it is becoming my identity. To always be controlled and hindered by this pathetic addiction. Am I a failure? Am I too weak to overcome this issue? I am afraid that may be true. My family disagrees with me. They tell me that God disagrees with me. You disagree with my view toward myself. That means something. This program must mean something."

Boy: 19 years old

"I am going through a hard season of my life. I have been struggling with porn and masturbation for about 6 years now and I want to be free from the compulsion and addiction. I am a Christian and I feel a lot of weight, pressure, guilt, shame, and more because of this struggle. I know God wants good things for me and has good plans and I don't think that I have to be enslaved to ANYTHING as a follower of Jesus. I have tried a lot and I have just recently reached out for help. I am going to counseling and a support group. I have accountability but I can still get more help, all the help I can get. I believe that Jesus is more powerful than my addiction and that with his help and effort, I can find lasting freedom and truly be transformed. So more than why I "should" be selected for a scholarship, I need help and I am willing to do whatever it takes. I need to change and I need God/ other people to help me do that."

Boy: 15 years old

"I have been fighting to resist the urge to look at pornography for a long time. It affects the way I feel and act. Every time I give in, I breakdown. My body hurts and I am exhausted. I want to get over all of this, so I can be me. I want to feel confident around girls and not feel embarrassed. I want to stop feeling so depressed all the time. It is not only affecting me, but others, too. My family, my friends, my teammates... I just need help."

Boy: 18 years old

"I have had an ongoing struggle with porn for many years and it has always been off and on. Some years, the struggle has been frequent and difficult to break through and other years I was clean from porn for very lengthy periods. I want this program because I want more than just a book or content filter on my computer. I want a program that has been developed specifically to help users gain long lasting freedom from pornography. I have been following FTND for a few months now and I think what they are doing is great and much needed and I feel as though I can trust this program that they have helped develop."

Boy: 18 years old

"I'm fighting since I saw this website for the first time. From the beginning also I had been helping another adolescents to fight. Here in my country, especially in my city there are small if any education about pornography and how harmful it's. I'm learning English now more than before, since I want to change my live and other's lives taking advantage of this beautiful site. THANK U SO MUCH. From Colombia."

Boy: 18 years old

"Well, the obvious answer is that I'm really sick of this addiction and the sin it brings, but I suppose almost anyone trying to get rid of it is. However, if you need any info on how this program is working or anything like that, I'm perfectly willing to answer any questions I can. Thanks for considering me!"

Boy: 17 years old

"I quit watching pornography 3 years ago as it had corrupted and ruined my mind. But last year, someone close to me passed away and I had a mental wreck. Now I can't resist myself and I'm tempted more and more. I don't want to fall back in that madness again. Can you please help me? I really do not know what to do!"

Boy: 18 years old

"I think I want to take my life back by not having this absorbing all of my spare time anymore and I think I need help to accomplish this. I don't have any money off my own and don't want anyone to know about my problem so I think this is the best solution for me at this point."

Boy: 16 years old

"My pornography and masturbation addiction is not ME... It is something I do, which is not ME. It is exterior. It is like bark on a tree. For me, it is complete objectification of the human body. For me, it is something I do to keep control over my life. When I can't control the things around me, I lay in bed at night and laugh at those things because there is one thing that I can control... my private choices... which are becoming less and less private everyday, as I see them impacting my relationships. They are not private to me."

Boy: 18 years old

“But I can come to these conclusions and I can even talk to others about it.. I can walk alongside those who find themselves trapped as I do... I can say all the right things, and at the end of the day, the fog creeps in and wrong because right. and submission to confusion seems the only option... I can say all the right things, but there is no change. I need change and I need help.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I should be selected for this scholarship because I'm one of the most suffering victims of pornography addiction, suddenly I found myself an "addicted" person! I have been struggling with this addiction since many years ago, but just this month I realized that my problem is called an "addiction". Furthermore, I tried almost everything to get rid of this addiction, all the means and ways didn't succeed, I'm really in need for this program that can help me in a real successful recovery.”

Boy: 16 years old

“Because I've realized that pornography is affecting my studies and my social life. My studies are especially important because I'm about to do my final exams for high school and I'd like to completely focus on my academics to get into a good university.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I was born with separated parents and one big brother who is 7 years old more than me and one sister who is 6 you more than me. My mother has always worked, since I was born, as a factory girl. My father is in unemployment since 8 years now.

*When my big brother had to manage the house, he often hit me with my sister. Maybe because he had too much pressure. Then, it made me very sad almost each day (maybe each day of my childhood). I felt very oppressed by him and then my sister sometimes hit me but it was because I was a bit looking for s***. But I've always felt (even nowadays) humiliated in my family. I've also had some issues with my father. But you know, I know I don't really have to be spiteful or rancorous. Indeed, I'm becoming more and more mature !... Then, I was always masturbating when I was alone. The truth is that I discovered the word "masturbation" after realizing I was already doing it ! By the way, in school, my family issues reverberate on my relationships, in particular with girls. I can tell you that I never really feel like I had friends. I feel like I missed so many opportunities to live !!! Indeed, I often find myself as a beautiful guy who is attractive for girls... But despite my 18yo, I never hung out with a girl. And even today, there are some girls that I like and that I met. I have feelings for her/them, but my addiction to PMO is very destructive of my personality which could be awesome. Ok, so now, I just want to take this chance, even if I don't know anything about this program.”*

Boy: 17 years old

"I have been struggling with this addiction from age 10 and it completely ruins my relationships as well as my employment. I have lost at least 2 jobs as result in the past and my marriage and if I do not get it under control I will lose the one I am in now which is going the direction of marriage. At this time I am financially unable to pay for the program even though I desperately need it."

Boy: 17 years old

"I have been addicted to pornography for a while and I have tried to escape for many years but I always ran back to it. I actually was arrested when I was 13 for a sexual related crime and I have seen how destructive it can really be. Whether it was for a little bit or for a while I ran back. As a Christian I am called to purity and I desire that SO MUCH but I continue to want my satisfaction. I come closer and closer every day to winning but I want to be able to not only help myself to beat pornography but to help others win by what I have learned and by my experiences. If I got that scholarship it would teach me even more and enable me to be a fighter of this new drug and to raise up other fighters who are as passionate about the cause as me."

Girl: 18 years old

"I'm tired of feeling weighed down by my addictions to pornography and masturbation. I want to be happy and become the individual I know I can be once I'm free of these addictions. For me personally an online approach such as Fortify would probably be the easiest way for me to get the help I need to overcome addiction. The truth is, I've been trying to get past these addictions for 4 or 5 years, and I'm ready to try anything"

Girl: 20 years old

"I don't want this stupid disgusting habit to ruin my life as I've seen it do to others I know. I want to feel good about myself again and regain the confidence I had before I started viewing it. I remember how happy I was before, and on the days that I go without it, I am very happy and confident. I've never made it more than two weeks going without viewing it. I want to go the rest of my life without viewing it."

Boy: 17 years old

"I have been struggling with this problem for at least 4 years now. As I have gotten older, I recognize the damaging effects it is having on me. I don't want this to control my life or affect my future relationships. I want it gone. I only recently have had a discussion about it with my religious leader. Over the last couple weeks he has helped counsel me on ways to get out of this addiction, and today, he recommended I sign up to this program."

Boy: 18 years old

"I've been struggling for so long and it's taxing on my mind and body. I'm tired and have little motivation which often leads to me skipping homework assignments and social gatherings just because of porn. I'm honestly scared, scared for my future, my relationships, and my well-being. I need help and that's why I'm applying (this is not a ruse). I'm sick of being controlled and want total freedom."

Boy: 19 years old

"I have struggled with pornography for over 10 years now. More than half of my not even 20-year old life has been filled with pornography addiction and struggles. As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, my trouble with pornography has went so far that I am unable to serve my church mission until I am completely sober."

Boy: 18 years old

"I have been struggling with pornography for a little over 2 years. A little picture, turned into small habit, into an unbreakable addiction. I know that I am a great person, and my challenge of pornography has chains wrapped around me and has restricted me to become an even better person. Because of my serious addiction and desire to be free, I feel like I deserve a scholarship to the Fortify program."

Boy: 17 years old

"I think it will highly benefit me and I have failed with other methods of recovery, such as filters, tracking, and giving up devices. I want to stop, and I believe that this program will help me to accomplish that goal. I know that my Heavenly Father wants me to give it up and to repent so I can be blessed."

Boy: 18 years old

"I have been struggling for several years with Pornography. I have tried to quit on my own twice, first time with no success, and relapsing months after the second try. I know I need professional help, but I don't want things made public to disgrace myself or others around me."

Boy: 15 years old

"I know the dangers of pornography and long term addiction, and don't want those unclean and damaging thoughts rotting my mind. I want to elevate myself above the filth and disease that I know is pornography, BUT I NEED HELP if I want permanent recovery and long term freedom."

Boy: 16 years old

"I have been masturbating since the age of 9. I have masturbated almost everyday on an average since then. The most I've gone without masturbating is 20 days. I really am looking for a way to get out of this stupid habit which is ruining my life."

Girl: 17 years old

"I have been struggling with a pornography addiction since I was very young. It's been three years since I legitimately became an addict, but I was in sexual problems long before that. I was sexually abused by a friend of mine, of the same age, and I went through therapy, and thought it was all over. Then I hit twelve, when another friend of mine introduced me to porn, and I was caught in a horrible trap of social issues and self-hatred. I began living a double life, and nearly getting into a hole too large for me to escape, until some huge uncovering between me and my parents. I have recently begun therapy again, and I want to try this, simply because I am too embarrassed to admit that after a good run with therapy, I'm still struggling. I want a fresh start."

Girl: 18 years old

"I've been addicted off and on to pornography for over half of my life (since the age of 9) and I'm ready to quit. I'm ready to have intimate, loving relationships not defined by a hyper sexualized society's standards."

Boy: 18 years old

"I should be accepted for a scholarship because after battling pornography addiction for the majority of my teenage life I would like to move on in the world and free myself of this terrible vice."

Boy: 18 years old

"I often mistreated my body by staying up to obscene hours (2-3 AM) in my most desperate moments of addiction and for me although this feels like a roller-coaster I have had enough of it. Some days when I think that I could overcome it I pushed it to the far corners of my mind. However just when I thought I have overcome my lust, it returns and keeps me there for days at a time. I think that pornography is worse than many physical drugs because unlike them (I haven't taken any drugs before), this addiction has wreaked havoc on my once sane mind, leaving me struggling daily between seeing women for who they are and what the pornographic industry would want me to think. I mean, that to me is the sickest of all drugs, one that erodes at your brain to make you 'sane on the outside but a chaotic and distraught mess on the inside'. I understand that at the age of 18, I can be incredibly hormonal and that some desires are natural, I fear for my future in University and life if this addiction of mine isn't stopped soon. Please accept me for this program, I just want to get better and help at least another person to do the same."

Boy: 17 years old

"I have been looking for a very long time for a program like this. I am beyond ready to make a change in my life and stop looking at porn. I am ready to regain control in my life and respect women like they should be. Thank you."

Boy: 18 years old

“It has been eight years since this ongoing nightmare has started. Although at times I have justified it and thought I had come to peace with it, it always bothered me. I have tried to break away from it over and over again, using accountability partners and other software, however, nothing seems to help. I feel that this program is the last chance before I have to seek therapeutic help. My biggest fear is that pornography will be the reason of a lot of pain, hurt and destruction in future relationships and I would like to prevent this before it occurs.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I am planning on becoming a youth pastor in the near future. I leave for college in the fall. I have been dealing with this addiction for many years now. I have talked with other pastors and influential people in my life, but somehow I always go back to it. I need a way that I know for sure I will break free. I feel like this will be the best, and will have the greatest impact on me. Honestly, I just need to get out, and I feel this is the way to do it.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I have struggled with pornography addiction since I was 10 years old (I am 18 currently). I once went over 100 days without using, but I relapsed. I'm tired of fighting and losing. I am currently at 59 days and am scared of falling back. I know I will struggle with it for the rest of my life to some degree; it's hard to undo the 8 years of damage I have done to myself. I just want to be free--not temporarily, but for the remainder of my life.”

Boy: 16 years old

“I became addicted to pornography at a young age and to this day I struggle with it. Just recently I discovered the actual science behind the addiction and just how harmful it can be. Despite this newfound knowledge I still find myself struggling to overcome the addiction and I am afraid that the side effects of it will impact my life more than they already have if I do not take action to overcoming it. I am ready to learn the tools I need to overcome this dreadful addiction.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I want to be selected as one of your scholar for free access to the Fortify Program because I am now being addicted in different kinds of pornography that I can't stop watching it. I want to stop this feeling of addicted in pornography because I want to live with a better life that doesn't anymore thinking of any pornography thing. Pls chose me as your scholar for Free access to the Fortify Program.”

Boy: 18 years old

"I can think of a hundred reasons to fight this addiction with pornography, but the biggest one is that... there is freedom. This addiction is like a weight around my neck, but I know people that have broken the weight and they can walk around without it dragging them down. I do not know what it will take, but I know that it is there if I keep looking for it."

Boy: 19 years old

"I am ready to finally kick this addiction. I have been struggling with it ever since I discovered I had ED on my 18th birthday and I was consistently using long before. This addiction has controlled my life for too long and has affected my grades, friendships, and my self-esteem. I am dedicated to change my life, and I am sure this program will be the last push that I need to succeed!"

Girl: 17 years old

"I have been struggling with this for years now. Way too long. I have hinted at it to one or two trusted people, but I don't have the courage to ever say it aloud to someone. I also believe that I may have caused my sister to do some of the same things because I started her in on it when we were both very young. I feel guilty for the way that it has changed my life, but every time that I've tried to stop has been unsuccessful. I feel unclean with this problem, and I don't want to still be struggling with it when I eventually get married. My future husband, whoever he is, deserves more than that."

Girl: 19 years old

"Simply because I need it. I have seen the damage porn has caused my perspective on many things in this world. I have tried marking things on my calendar and blocking certain websites but there is always a way around them to fulfill the desire. Knowing that this unhealthy addiction holds consequences I still find myself giving into it. I am in dire need of going about this in a different angle, to get at the root of it all, to be held accountable and finally destroy it along with the scars it has caused. At the end of the day I am no different than anyone asking you for this scholarship; all of us who are struggling going about it in different varieties. So the one thing that convicts me to write this is the hope that I would be granted this scholarship and the promise it holds for me. Thank you for the opportunity."

Girl: 18 years old

"I am 18 years old, and I have been single all my life. I feel alone and when I feel alone, I decide to watch porn to help me deal with it. I have tried to stop by myself, but obviously it's not helping. I don't have any money, and I'm too embarrassed to tell my parents. So now, I feel stuck. I'm getting depressed, to the point I want to end my life. I would save videos on my phone, just to watch it at school. And it's taking over my life. I need help, and I really don't know where to go from here."

Girl: 15 years old

"I believe that I should receive this program free because without it, I'm scared that I'll never get out of the rut I'm in. It's really important that I change who I am now so that my future isn't effected by the harmful addiction I have. I'm making plans to change the world, but I'm never going to get there with this weight on my shoulders."

Girl: 18 years old

"I have struggled with sexual addiction for four years. It began with pornography, led to cyber sex (both just text and video chatting), which eventually led to me getting into dangerous situations in real life (i.e. meeting with strangers for nsa). I always stop for a few months, then have a relapse, and even if I do something that is not porn, it always starts with me being tempted to and/or actually watching it. I've tried speaking with my therapist and pastor, and my therapist and I have tried different things to end this addiction, but I always relapse. I feel like I'm in an ok spot at the moment, however I'm scared I won't be for long, and I think that the fortify program may help me to stay "clean"."

Girl: 18 years old

"Since the beginning of high school, I have been addicted to pornography. I have never been introduced to the facts and reasoning behind why porn can be like a drug to the brain. I have struggled with depression and self-harm realizing that my addiction with porn only worsens over time. However, I just feel that I can't stop and that I can't be in control of my thoughts or actions. I am looking for any way possible to stop this control over my life so that I can finally start to regain my youth and live the life that I have missed due to my addiction so far. Fortify sounds like a program that is dedicated to freeing victims of pornography and for that opportunity, I would be eternally grateful!"

Boy: 14 years old

"I've been addicted to porn since 7th grade. This past November I found your website and another website called yourbrainonporn.com. I realized that I had a strong addiction and had the realization that my severe depression/anxiety could definitely be a result of my porn addiction. I went porn free for about a month and a half or so and I relapsed. I've been slowly viewing porn more and more frequently and I just want this whole thing to end. I've tasted what life without porn is like and I don't ever want it to be a problem again. My depression and anxiety were a huge problem in my life. It ruined opportunities with school, sports (I'm a D1 college athlete) and most importantly relationships. I want to be done with this stuff and I believe your program will be just what I need in order to finally kick this nasty habit"

Boy: 20 years old

"I have been fighting pornography for years now. I have had many defeats, but I have had some victories in the past year. I told my girlfriend about my problem and that has helped me tremendously in my fight. That was the hardest and best thing I have ever done. But until I can overcome this I know I am only a boy. And I know my future wife deserves so much better. That is why I want to join your program."

Boy: 20 years old

"I am 16 years old, and living abroad currently as an exchange student in Turkey. I definitely saw that being alone more and having more free time exacerbated my addiction. It is affecting everything and on days I give in I feel drunk, and numbed. My parents, former bishop, current bishop, and a recently assigned counselor (who recommended fortify) are also aware of my struggle against addiction to pornography and masturbation. I am willing to take the next step to be successful and looking to the future with goals of becoming fluent in Turkish, having an eternal family and successful marriage. I think that fortify is the next step to fight this addiction. Thank you so much all you wonderful people who are providing this program. It will change the world for good. I really am so impressed and grateful for the quality of the fight the new drug website I've seen so far and glad that there are others who are willing as much as I am to fight."

Boy: 17 years old

"When I first started I didn't really full grasp what I was doing. All I knew was it felt good. By the time I was able to fully understand what I was doing it had pretty much become an everyday thing. Sometimes I'd be able to quit for a month or two but eventually it would go back to pretty much every day. I haven't done it for a while but I'd still like to have something to get my head out of it completely. I used to go on 3+ hours of bingeing I guess you could call it. I know it's an addiction because I feel that chemical high during and after. I've recently learned that someone who is much older than me in my family has a porn addiction as well. I want to stop it completely, forever."

Boy: 17 years old

"I am 17 and have no money. Also, I struggle with homosexuality, and I believe a lot of it comes from my problem with porn. I know what God says about that, and I want to be obedient."

Boy: 20 years old

"Pornography is something that I have I been struggling with for a few years and I have gotten to a point to where I know it is wrong but I can't break free on my own. I believe Fortify can help me with my struggle and help me live a life of freedom from pornography. I am willing to utilize Fortify to guide me to the steps of being able to break this addiction. I have now realized I cannot fight this on my own. I need help, and that is why I believe I should be selected for a scholarship."

Boy: 17 years old

"Well, I feel myself infected by pornography. I need to masturbate when imp stressed or when it's boring. I quit to smoke nearly 6 weeks ago but I have to confess that pornography isn't such easy to quit as cigarettes. I want to be free of drugs. Furthermore my religion forbids me to make use of drugs. That's why it would be nice to get a free scholarship which would help me to quit making use of pornography :)"

Boy: 14 years old

"The reason I want this program is I don't want this on my shoulders anymore. This is one of the worst addictions that anyone can have and I do not want to be addicted to it anymore. I am a great kid but I know that when I grow up I will have to be a great parent but if I view pornography while being a father I will not be a good dad."

Boy: 14 years old

"I used to be a good and happy person before I started watching porn. Now my parents have lost their trust in me, my relationship with my little brother is ruined, and I've lost sight of many of my goals in life. I have no money of my own, and I am afraid my parents won't allow me to attend my high school of choice if I tell them about my addiction."

Boy: 14 years old

"I need help and I feel helpless. I really feel that this program would help me. I think I would like the program too, it seems like the type of program I could stick to everyday. I already feel a little better even though I haven't been chosen for this program! I really hope I will be approved for a scholarship because my parents wouldn't be able to afford it. Thank you."

Boy: 19 years old

"I am struggling teen who has been addicted to porn for as long as I can remember. the addiction is effecting my health and my social life, and I can't seem to stop. I have been trying to for a year and a half. But always fall back. Because of this addiction I have been fired several times. Now, I can't pay for this program because I still live with my parents and can't afford it. but what I can do is spread the word and tell all of my friends and family about it. I really need this. PLEASE HELP!"

Boy: 19 years old

"I have been viewing porn since the 4th grade and feel as if I have no one to talk too. I have looked into books, work books, etc. then I found fortify and hope to beat this."

Boy: 15 years old

"I am 14 and am a volunteer Fire Marshal, First Responder, and a production crew member for my church and a future firefighter. When I was 7, my best friend told me to go to a site. It was a porn site. At first I was like- O.O then watched a video. I thought it was sort of disgusting and sort of cool, so I went back to it often- about 2 times a month (that number increased as I aged). Then when I was 11, I was curious and masturbated. Man, that felt good...so I continued and up till now I have watched porn and masturbated daily. I talked to a student ministry leader and he is helping me through. I have seen what porn and sexual addiction does to us (Ex- Castro guy who kidnapped and raped three girls for 10 years) and it even changed the way I look at girls. There's a cute girl I like and I have had some dirty thoughts about her, but I don't want to hurt her. So I started looking into this program, but am short on money. So please....I want to change."

Boy: 17 years old

"Dear friend. I'm too depressed because of this. This is spoiling my life.. Studies, etc... The only thing I think is porn 70% of my day. I badly need help... Before I go n commit any sin."

Boy: 18 years old

"I was exposed to porn at an extremely young age, even though I was too young to know what to do with it at the time I still watched, multiple times a day. I'm now 18 years old and have tried many times to quit but find myself back in a rut time after time. I'm now about 4 months free, and find myself in need of a way to keep my progress going. I want to serve a Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and my church leader says I need to be 6 months free to be recommended by him. He is the one who introduced me to FTND. Please, help me go on a mission and put an end to this sad story."

Girl: 18 years old

"I realized I had an addiction to pornography earlier this year. I have kept this a secret for six years and it came to a point where I'd dread viewing it but knew that I would be unsatisfied if I didn't. I felt sick of the control it has had over me and my ability to form healthy relationships (romantic or non). It also impedes my relationship with God which I hold very sacred to myself. I know how much of a hold it can have upon people and I want it to stop. More So, I know how exploited these actors are and how warped they can make our minds into thinking what love and pleasure really amount to. I do not want to continue in this vicious cycle nor do I want anyone else to go through what I have for these years. I need help and I can't do this alone. I have been looking for a solution to my addiction for years but have never found something until now. I know for a fact the problems that have already developed within my sexuality. I honestly am very scared and want the best relationship possible with my spouse and children. I would be so grateful if I was selected because after seeing a Fight The New Drug assembly, I have realized what damage I'm doing to myself. Thank you for hearing my story."

Boy: 16 years old

“Because I am a student leader but a prisoner of pornography for years. My productivity has been affected for time now. Despite being busy, I still have the time to view in isolation. How horrible. I want my freedom and productivity gain back.”

Boy: 15 years old

“I would like to have free access to the fortify program because Every time I have free time I usually think of Porn. Not only that, I have been confronted by my parents about Porn numerous times and I still do it. I feel as if it is a parasite that is slowly killing me.”

Boy: 19 years old

“For a couple of years I've been trying to get of porn, but have been unable to just stop. I just seem to get sucked back into it; even though I know that I'll feel unsatisfied and emptier after watching. If you could help me in anyway to become a better man I would be eternally grateful”

Boy: 20 years old

“Like countless others here, I'd been affected by not only pornography but just the sexualized pop-culture that has become our society. At a young age, it's not expected of you to pause and consider the message behind what you're being fed and whether this will totally distort your view of sexuality when you grow up. So that's what happened to me.”

Boy: 20 years old

“I must say, I've been spared from a lot of what some others have gone through, but it's not to say that I'm where I want to be. I first got serious after watching one of FTND's videos on YouTube, which lead me towards Candeo. That's really the point where my life started to change. The change may have been slow, especially around the beginning, but looking back, a year and a half since then, I KNOW I've made progress. So to find out that FTND has finally released their own program, Fortify, and especially knowing that it is directed towards a much younger audience than the vast majority of other resources, I can't possibly put down the opportunity to join!”

Boy: 18 years old

“I realize that pornography is very harmful. I started doing it when I was younger. I know that the short-term pleasure I feel now will only be harmful in the future. I have tried many ways to stop the pornography addiction, and abstain from carrying out my sexual desires. However, none of them work. I really want to get rid of my pornography addiction and I will do what it takes to get rid of it. I should be selected for a scholarship because I will make the most out of it.”

Boy: 17 years old

"I'm stuck in a cycle of stopping for a day or two and then going back. This is something I've been stuck in for almost four years and I need help before my mind is corrupted beyond repair. Please help I have a girlfriend now and don't want this addiction to ruin it."

Girl: 19 years old

"I was introduced to porn at the age of 8. At the age of 8, my life was turned upside down, not only was I introduced into porn but was also sexually molested. Not knowing what to do or who to go to I turned to porn. I kept these secrets to myself for 10 years. Last year, at the age of 18, after telling my first boyfriend about what had happened, I was able to tell my parents. I have still not told anyone about the porn, or that I still struggle with it. I need help but I am too ashamed to tell anyone. I really do hate it, it's a compulsion that keeps coming back. I would like to get any help to get out of this cycle."

Boy: 17 years old

"Because I'm having a terrible time with my life, I don't have any best friends to talk about my problems, I couldn't do any sports at school. and I'm really worried to see my friends achievement in sports. and I'm also not good at studies as well. I'm now addicted to porn and I cant concentrate on anything. It's so hard. I want to stop this addiction and study hard and help people who are undergoing depression and these types similar things. I just want to succeed in my life to become a good person and make my hard working parents proud cause I have never achieved anything in my life to make them proud. I hope you will help me. Thank you!"

Boy: 18 years old

"Since I'm 13 I watch porn regularly. I started with some soft porn and now I'm watching that kind of porn I am ashamed of. Every time after I watch it I feel really bad, because it is morally wrong. But before watching I don't think about it. I just have this strong need to find more porn, that I've never seen. Sometimes I'm really lost in this search. Often I spent the whole night to search porn. The next day I am really depressed and just want to sleep. So often I missed my duties like school, because of watching porn."

It's not long ago, I had my first relationship with a girl. Everything was fine and I watched porn not so often as before. But after a while I started again spending too much time in watching porn. This destroyed my first and maybe last relationship I've ever had. This is the reason, why I really want to do the recovery program. I don't want to destroy my whole life because of porn. I want to get rid of it.

I hope you can help me."

Boy: 16 years old

"I know that I am struggling with this addiction and it is wrong. I need help and was recommended to this through the Facebook page. I came to the realization that porn was starting to ruin and destroy my life. It was affecting not just me but everyone I talked to because I was becoming more irritable and snappy. My fiancé feels like she has been betrayed and that she wasn't enough for me. I don't want to be trapped by these chains any more I want to break free!!!"

Boy: 18 years old

"Pornography is a Darkness a stairway to certain death. There are no fence sitters its light or dark, life and death. The consequences of pornography become inevitable, as eyes are opened and science and truth knocks out the lies, the dark that seeks us. Pornography will lead to certain death, there are only two choices those that want to see the light will find it if they have the right tools; Fortify is one of those tools. I believe I can help in this war my experiences can shed light and insight that we may mutually climb back to the light and then lift others that have fallen. This is my dream that I will make a reality. No matter what the cost. Your consideration for a scholarship offer would not be in vain."

Boy: 16 years old

"I've tried a lot of things. I don't have anyone I can talk to about it, because I don't have that kind of relationship with my parents. I feel like they would just take away all of my electronics and/or ground me, and it would never really fix anything. I want something that I don't have to talk to my parents about, but that I can work through that will actually work, and I don't have a (local) pastor or a youth leader that I can talk to about it and stay accountable to. I don't want this addiction to get in the way of my calling in life, which is to be a missionary. And I don't want to keep looking at my friends as just another "hot girl" because they're actual people that I care about. So yeah, I guess I just want help that doesn't involve me moving to where there are people who can help me. And it's free, so it works out for a broke high school student like me."

Boy: 19 years old

"I am college student at Arkansas Tech university. I've been in this bad habit of porn since high school and I'm tired of it looking over me in my life. I have an amazing gf. We have been together 2 and a half years. In the first year of our relationship we knew we would get married to each other one day. So we both took a vow of abstinence. When I'm around some of my friends they talk about girls and what all they've done and I find it hard not to think about girls when I get home and that's how it leads to that. I'm so disappointed. I've tried to stop a few times and I went a few without it but I let it slip and I'm back to it again."

Boy: 17 years old

"I have struggled with masturbation and pornography for a long time, almost 3-4 years and ever since I started my life's began to decrease more and more. It changed my sleep schedule, it makes me quicker to anger, and makes me feel guilty through every bit of the day. I have worked with a therapist and talked to my Bishop of my LDS ward and I eventually got recommended to here. I have had these addictions for far too long and I want to drop them I hope that maybe you can help me.

P.S. I know that I am probably just your typical White Christian teenager, I may not even be the kind of kid you're looking for, but at this point in my life I will appreciate any help I can get."

Boy: 16 years old

"I have been fighting pornography for over 3 years and when I think I have finally fixed it, it comes back a few months later. I want help and I need help. I do not want to view porn until the temptation and opportunity comes. It seems as though I am two different people. I cannot do this alone."

Boy: 19 years old

"I've struggled with porn for years and I can't seem to break free. I have tried and failed SO MANY TIMES! Your program really interested, first of all because the design of your website and all of your products is so cool! I love art and design. I hope to major in graphic design. So, to me, the design of something is very important and impacts what products I choose to use. Even programs to help me fight porn addiction! Apparently! I am very involved in my church and am currently attending a Baptist Bible college. I think a lot of kids at my church would get a lot of help from a program like this. So, I don't only want to seek help for myself, but I also want to test this program out to see if I should recommend it to the kids at my church! Porn kills love. I agree with you. I want out of it!"

Boy: 20 years old

"I have been struggling with pornography for a large portion of my life. While it is not as bad as it used to be when I was younger, I still struggle with it to this day. It gets in the way of my academic, social and personal life by clouding my mind and tempting me to do something that I know is inherently wrong. I need a way to get my brain to break out of this bad habit before it tries to take over again and destroy my relationship with myself and my girlfriend. I do not do it that often, but I still have the urges and will power alone is not enough to fight it. I cannot do it alone. It is hurting me and my girlfriend and I am ashamed and embarrassed and want to get rid of it. I have been following the fortify program for almost two years waiting for it to launch. I have come a long way in those two years, but I am still struggling and I believe that the fortify program will help me make those final steps towards recovery and victory over the evil that is pornography. Please help me fight this. And thank you for doing what you're doing."

Boy: 18 years old

“Throughout the past 5 years I've had an extremely hard time trying to kick this addiction. It's changed the way that I think. Whenever I look at a girl, instead of seeing them for who they are, I find myself thinking of how much I want to bed them. When “I'm going about my day I suddenly get urges to watch pornography. Whenever that happens I habitually grab my iPod or tablet and walk into the bathroom to watch porn and masturbate. I try to talk myself out of it but the urge is just too strong. I'm ready to make a change because it is interfering with my life. But I need help.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I have been struggling with an addiction to pornography for many years now (since high school), and have tried many different remedies to break off of it. I have cut back a considerable amount since coming to college, but I still slip up quite a bit. With the Fortify program, I can finally get the help I need to break my addiction and stop living in the guilt of it.”

Boy: 16 years old

“I really want to quit I've stayed strong for 1 month and a half now but temptation is so hard. This would mean a lot to me to get help from this program because quitting means a lot to me and I just feel so guilty and depressed after, I need your help PLEASE HELP ME!!!! I'm afraid I might do it again.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I think I should be selected for the free scholarship because I've been dealing with this habit for a long time know and each time I do it I say it's going to be the last time. But it never is, and it's really starting to tear me up emotionally. Being a Christian I know people make mistakes and that's ok because we can always be forgiven for those mistakes because God is such a loving God. But I'm ready to feel free inside I'm ready to be that role model everyone else thinks I am, but I never feel like I am. I'm ready to feel like they role model, I'm ready to get help so that in the future I can pass it along and help others. I'm ready to not feel so lousy and feel like crying each time I watch porn. I'm ready to become free, I'm ready to become me. :) thanks so much for taking the time to read this!”

Girl: 16 years old

“I've tried multiple times to stop. When I was 13 I felt so horrible about what I'd seen that I experienced thoughts of suicide. Eventually I stopped then, but I started again a year or two ago when I started reading sexual fan fiction. The fan fiction got boring and eventually I moved on to video pornography. I want to stop but I keep getting worse. I tried looking to God for help but I'm still struggling and I feel like a failure for not being able to stop. The fact that I'm a girl and girls "don't use porn" makes me feel like I'm the only one that I know that has this problem. I really need help and this time I want to finally be free of this issue.”

Boy: 15 years old

"I need help. My life is becoming porn, instead of going out with friends, play some sports and do something productive with my life, I choose porn. And I need help to stop that, I believe my full growth as a person is been compromised."

Boy: 17 years old

"Well, since I was in the 5th grade vie been watching porn and lately, for about a few years or so, vie been feeling captive by it. It has become something that is without my control and vie been looking for an escape but wherever I turn there seems to be dead ends. Please, this addiction has stolen so much if me already and if I just had a chance to be saved I would take it. Please give me that chance."

Boy: 17 years old

"Just like many other teens, I've had a long term addiction to pornography. I was exposed at a young age, and have always sought affirmation and a release from stress or anger or whatever is bringing me down through masturbating and sexual arousal. I'm not proud of my addiction and it seems like no matter how hard I try or how long I break away from it, I end up going back into the same pattern and I want it to stop. I want to be able to get to the point where I can overcome it and help others get over their addictions as well."

Boy: 19 years old

"I believe this program is my final hope of actually overcoming this "disease". I have been fighting pornography right since I was 15, and I always hated the fact that I was addicted to it."

Boy: 18 years old

"Every once in a while I try to stop overcome this addiction, and I am able to do so for 1 week maximum, and then I am sucked back into the whole. Pornography is destroying my life slowly, and that affects my self-esteem and confidence in a negative way. As a consequence of not being able to give up pornography, I have issues with being confident in myself. I view myself as a loser, as I cannot even control my desires. I really hope I get this scholarship, as I think this could be my way out of this misery circle of pornography addiction."

Boy: 17 years old

"I'm battling back from depression and social anxiety that I've had as long as I can remember. Porn addiction is one of the things holding back my feelings of complete recovery. This is one of the things I need in my life to make me feel better as a person, and life from here on out as a brand new me."

Boy: 19 years old

“After spending about a decade, or about half my life viewing pornography regularly, I wish to recover from the damage that I have inflicted upon myself to my psychological well-being. I have tried several times to quit based on willpower alone, and have failed, but I am ready and willing to commit to a program that will help me overcome and get to the root of my addiction for free.”

Boy: 20 years old

“I’ve been battling this addiction for 2 years and to no avail. I am currently engaged to be married and I want to be rid of this addiction by the time I am married. The marriage date is October 3, 2015. She knows of my addiction and wants to support me in this. I know that in Christ anything can be done.”

Girl: 17 years old

“When I was a child, I was sexually harassed by my older sister. She would make me play games with her that involved being sexual and I didn’t know that what we were doing was wrong. We would see my parents watching movies that had sex scenes in them and were curious so she made me act them out with her. This continued until my sister got older and told me one day that we needed to stop. I was confused because I was still young. Then I realized that I needed something else to give me that feeling and that’s when I stumbled upon pornography. When I entered middle school I realized it was wrong because my brother got in trouble for it so I hid it from everyone. It got worse as I got older. Then when I got saved in my junior year of high school, I realized that I was addicted to pornography and that I seriously needed to stop what I was doing. I tried to stop but I couldn’t and everything was getting worse. Once I got into a serious relationship, it followed me there and we started to act out what we saw. My boyfriend and I hated this part of ourselves and decided that we needed to stop being together in order to overcome our addictions and help each other be pure. I blocked and deleted every internet device on my phone and computer. I try to stay away from the media. I try every possible way to end my addiction but I can’t stop it, no matter how hard I try. I’m trying to find a way to end this thing that is destroying my life. So I beg you, if your program can help me, please give it to me. I’m desperate for any way of overcoming this addiction and healing. I want to forgive my sister. I want to have a loving relationship with my boyfriend. I want to have pure thoughts. I want to be free. Please help me.”

Boy: 16 years old

“At the age of 12 I unintentionally came across pornographic images that have since changed me, hard coded, Its like fighting against my very nature at this point. I’ve already spent too much money on psychologists, my family is struggling financially and my self-disgust doesn’t motivate me to become successful in any way. By allowing me this scholarship, I would commit myself to getting over this dark chapter of my life and turn my life around to help others who struggle with various addictions.”

Boy: 17 years old

"I have been struggling with this problem for 9 years. This addiction lead me to depression, anger management , loneliness and the list goes on. Please give me the opportunity to help myself be a better person and help others with this disease. I really want change for myself I don't know where else to turn."

Boy: 15 years old

"I really want to work hard at school, and was doing well controlling the addiction, but by 5th grade it took over."

Boy: 17 years old

"Ever since then, I've tried to overcome but was pulled back in, allowing this to be before school. I then became depressed, and started causing others around me stress too. it was a mess, but now I'm willing to change and become a better student, family member, and better person. So please accept me, for I will not disappoint you."

Boy: 16 years old

"I am very passionate about helping other people. Pornography has hurt myself and a lot of other friends and family that I know. I want to break free from this so I can also provide a road map for others I love and care for to get away from this drug.

I have been fighting for a long time to break this habit, and I feel that I just need an extra push and additional accountability to finally get porn out of my life."

Boy: 15 years old

"I have been in control of my life until my pornography habit began. Now my grades have gone down and my relationship with my friends have become uncomfortable, my parents are intolerable of pornography and the last thing I want is them to find out I have a problem. I sincerely want to stop but I cannot do it by myself, I've tried many times and now my problem has gotten so bad that I've realized that I need help. This program would help me quit, gain control and move on with my life."

Boy: 17 years old

"I could really use some help right now. I really don't want this to be a part of my life anymore and don't know where else to turn..."

Boy: 16 years old

"I believe that I need this because this isn't something I can do on my own. I have tried to stop watching pornography and I just can't. I need help and guidance. Also, pornography is starting to have an impact on my relationship. It is making my daily life unhealthy and it is making my mind full of disgusting thoughts. Pornography has become a daily habit, if it's not being watched, it's being thought about, and it also leaks into my daily life and relationship. I don't want to make my relationship impure because I can't stop my addiction because that's what it is. I don't smoke, do drugs, or drink. But I do watch pornography, that is my confession. I admit it, I just don't know how to stop? With the help of this program I believe that I could leave porn and get it out of my life to where I can love a pure life and continue in my daily walk with Christ." "Thank You."

Boy: 17 years old

"I want to rebuild my social life, and by not living a life where I have to constantly hide and feel uneasy at what it is I'm doing. For years, literally, I have tried to convince myself it wasn't addiction, but in the end it was. I do not want my future relationships to be ruined because of this event. Time and time again I have tried quitting, but, to no avail. So I really hope I get the scholarship so I can break the pornographic chains and attain a collective triumph."

Boy: 17 years old

"Each time I look at porn, I feel like I am becoming a more and more broken person. I have tried to stop, but never have had any success. I need help. Thank you."

Boy: 20 years old

"I am in the United States Marine Corps. I am a Christian and in order to become an affective witness I must overcome this addiction. I have been battling it for years and I want to be able to overcome this and help other people who battle with this addiction."

Boy: 18 years old

"Because I constantly 'see' women in pornographic positions, on the street, in school, I just want to get rid of those images."

Boy: 16 years old

"Pornography is starting to destroy my life. I can no longer look at a woman respectfully and it makes me feel terrible. I've been trying to quit for more than 2 years now, and I find it hard to stay away from it. I can usually quit for 3-4 days but I always find myself back in the same spot again. Quitting pornography is one of the most important things in my life right now, and I constantly have a huge desire to be clean of it."

Boy: 17 years old

"I have been struggling with this issue for a long time. I have tried to stop several times and will abstain for periods of time, but then I slip and regress. I desire to completely conquer this addiction and hope this program gives me the tools so that end this cycle."

Boy: 17 years old

"I have a real problem, and I've tried to stop only own but I keep slipping back into addiction. I need help"

Girl: 17 years old

"I really want to make a change in my life because I know the adverse effects that this addiction will bring later in my life, and I want to make those changes before I am so far along that it will be nearly impossible for me to stop."

Boy: 18 years old

"pornography has been the most harmful thing in my life for as long as I can remember, and unlike other negative harmful behaviors all attempts to completely change and stop repeating patterns that make me ill, physically, mentally, emotionally, and literally have left me in hardly functioning states that have destroyed all the good things I feel about myself and my life, and created chaos with how I manage my life. I have been fighting my own battle to keep my life in a functioning healthy direction on my own. I believe that pornography is extremely dangerous to my well being and my life as a whole. and I am not exaggerating. its impact has been at times terrible to endure. and despite this I still can be triggered back in to the old familiar pattern. pornography is a sick joke a parody of real sex and love and human relationships. and it is a poison I want and need support in remaining free from, in order to have a functioning healthy life and to achieve a real relationship with real love, something that pornography would sabotage and rob me of, and the lack of that love is the sickness that creates the distorted need for pornography in the first place. my earliest sexuality I can remember was tied up with porn and it wasn't until I started to fight for something else that I saw how much its distorted programming had damaged me and prevented me from the healthy life and relationships that I needed and should have been having. so please I hope this can be of help and support to me on my journey to a happier healthy fuller life. thank you"

Boy: 19 years old

"Because I'm really scared about this addiction that I have, I wasn't this type of man 6 months ago. I want to be happy."

Boy: 16 years old

"I'm stuck, I don't know where else to go. I've had this addiction for a while, and it's starting to branch into more things. I'm 16, and want to stop this before it gets worse. I know I have the power to do it, I just need extra assistance."

Boy: 18 years old

"I am a teen who is struggling to find out who I am. Every day I wake up ashamed of who I am and confused about what I want to be. I don't know how to behave socially anymore. I am determined to stop my addiction but every time I try, there is something deep inside me that prevents me from doing so. It's like my mind has been invaded by a hypnotic alien refusing to let go. I want to be free from a torturous mental prison."

Boy: 20 years old

"I have tried several times to quit. I had been living a lie, I put a mask on everyday and pretended that everything was OK but it is far from OK. I realized last June that I couldn't try and do it alone anymore and told my best friend who has been trying his best to help But it makes it kind of hard that because of the porn I view I now have feelings for him that I shouldn't have and I don't want. I have also struggled with depression for a few years from the guilt of viewing that filth and wearing my mask and last October I realized that it could be possible for me to commit suicide. I never want to be there again, that scared me. I am currently going to the LDS Family Services 12 Step Addiction Recovery Youth Group which don't get me wrong is a great program but it doesn't quite seem to be for me. It is based upon the AAA with a spiritual side and it is run like the AAA but for me I'm not someone that can just go somewhere and trust someone I mean it took me almost 6 years to tell my best friend I didn't even tell my mom until last month. I think there are great things I both programs but I kind of want to find the program that will best fit me."

Boy: 18 years old

"because I want to make a change in my life, so I can make a change for everyone's life. I have a dream, to be a smart engineer, and I realize that porn addiction is bad for my precious brain."

Boy: 17 years old

"I hate porn with everything I got. I'm tired of girls be objectified."

Boy: 16 years old

"I believe I should be accepted to this program because I am a young man that does very well in school but has a problem. That problem is pornography. I have tried to get over it in the past but failed. I need some outside help like fortify."

Boy: 18 years old

"I am masturbating regularly watching pornography and it is taking over my life. This recovery program will aid me to give up this addiction that takes place every time I'm alone and bored in my bedroom."

Boy: 12 years old

"I need help. My mom and dad are hurt. I feel sad and ashamed."

Boy: 17 years old

"I've researched and researched on many ways on trying to give up, I feel that it has come to a point that it has nearly taken over my life and how I think. I really need help and there's no person I can turn to help me do so. I realize my religion pays high emphasis on this and the severity of it and I do acknowledge that it is completely wrong and that if carried on it could effect my loved ones around me and also my studies of the Islamic sciences."

Boy: 16 years old

“Well, first I want to get over this addiction myself, and then help other, all my friends, get out of this pornography epidemic.”

Boy: 18 years old

“It has ruined my life and I believe if I don't stop now it will continue to effect my life. It wastes lot of time from preventing me from going college, not doing homework and religious worship. I need help and it also leads me to act in an abnormal state of mind. I can't interact with others, I feel shy and hardly able to make new friends especially approaching girls.”

Boy: 15 years old

“I have had great grades and performance in my school life. Due to being introduced to such filth from my friends I have put my grades and successive life behind me. I need to get back to my true potential and be a person who would help create awareness about the harms of pornography and educate people to not to go for it.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I feel like I am losing myself to my addiction, it has consumed a major part of my life. It has completely changed me as a person and it is preventing me from having the kind of life I always wanted. I have wanted to quit for a very long time now, but just haven't been able to break the habit. I just want to be able to live a normal and happy life.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I'm really struggling. Okay I know that a lot of other kids are suffering too but my story is simple. Love is important to me. It's one of the most important concepts in life to me. And I'll keep this brief and just say that I don't want pornography to get in the way of me being able to love my special girl to the fullest. I don't want to be affected by pornography and I'm willing to do whatever I need to do to stop.”

Boy: 15 years old

“I have tried to stop using porn various times and I can't. I have been watching nonstop since 3 years ago and I wish to stop. The maximum time I have been able to stop on my own is a week, and I thought I should seek help. That way I found this program and I believe I can take advantage of it. I need and want to stop porn.”

Boy: 17 years old

“My addiction to pornography has strongly affected my life and relationships, and I want to conquer it; I cannot do it on my own.”

Boy: 16 years old

"I have been fighting this for five years now. No matter what I have tried, I can't seem to stop. I want to end this SO badly, it hurts me so much and I can feel myself dying slowly. I would greatly appreciate the chance to participate in this program. Thank you."

Boy: 17 years old

"I have been struggling with this the past 2 years and I'm ready to get a hold of it and throw it to the curb and I feel this program is my chance to do that."

Boy: 18 years old

"I have been struggling for a long time to beat pornography but have failed in many ways, how my only hope would be this program as I cannot publicly say that I masturbate to pornography I need to cure this if possible, I signed up on some YouTube channel called fight the drug and that is where I found out about this program...hope you guys help me out of this torment."

Boy: 17 years old

"I think it is time for me to grow up from this addiction of porn. I am numb to pleasures of porn but I still want to view it. I am at the time of my life when it is time to break habits or else it would be harder to break in the future"

Boy: 20 years old

"I've been struggling with this for some time now, after reading the Fortify book I realized just how severe this addiction has played and is playing on my life. I have managed to break free of the addiction a few times but still manage to fall back into it. I really need some extra help to be rid of it for good."

Boy: 15 years old

"I need help and I cannot find it here in our country. And I really like ur program. I pray that it will help me."

Boy: 15 years old

"I want to give it up! I don't want to be ashamed anymore, I just need some help."

Boy: 17 years old

"We'll I started at a young age and I always knew it was wrong but every time I try to stop I find myself crawling back and I need help"

Boy: 16 years old

"I'm a high school student desperate to break my addiction to pornography. It has hurt nearly every aspect of my life, and I want to be free."

Boy: 17 years old

"I'm dedicated to stop once and for all, and if I am successful through this program, then I will make sure to help others by telling them they can stop too."

Boy: 16 years old

“There is no reason in particular that I should receive the free access. I am just like many teens out there who struggle with addiction to pornography though am one of the few who followed through with coming to this site. I believe that everyone should be able to get it though I understand, even from the perspective of a non-profit organization, that is not possible.”

Boy: 15 years old

“Because I need help with it and I'm addicted and can't stop and ashamed to ask somebody in real life”

Boy: 17 years old

“I need to stop this behavior before it becomes a full addiction. It has led me to do some pretty bad things that are hurting my life.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I've been fighting for so long, but I can't seem to break the cycle. I heard this program would be really helpful, so I hope I can use it to change my life. I want to stop this before it takes over my life!”

Boy: 20 years old

“I have been watching pornography for 7 years now and it has taken over a huge part of my life. I spend about three to four hours a night looking at pornography and masturbating. That either takes away from time I could be using for Homework, or from time I could be using or sleep. It is hurting all aspects of my life because whenever I am not masturbating, I feel like I need to be.”

Girl: 19 years old

“I have been trying to fight against it my whole life but the addicted part of me is too strong when I try on my own. I need a program to help me stop this addiction but I can't afford one. I am a freshman in college struggling to get by financially. This is very important to me because I can already see it starting to affect my relationships. I have just recently gotten into a serious relationship that we hope will end in marriage. I want to conquer this addiction so I can learn to love my boyfriend in the right ways. He struggles with pornography more than I do and I think it would be healthy if we went through this program together. We also are hoping to go into full-time ministry in the future. I want to overcome this addiction so that it will become a part of my testimony and I will be able to help others who have a struggle with porn just like me.”

Boy: 16 years old

“Sincerely I am just looking a way to get out of the pornography and masturbation cycle. Till now I haven't yet find a solution to this problem. Therefore I think the fortify program could be the solution to free myself from pornography.”

Girl: 17 years old

“Pornography is something that I’ve struggled with for so long. I was accidentally exposed to it when I was young and ever since it has controlled my life... It wasn't until recently that I realized that. I always hated it and wanted to stop, but never knew how. I never knew how to reach out to someone because it was so embarrassing. It really took its toll on me and only got worse as time progressed. In the past year it has affected my life, my family, and my relationships. I want to be able to learn from it and hopefully one day be able to help others who struggle with it... but for now I realize I need to start with myself. I know I need all the support I can get and I hope this program can help.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I believe I should be selected for a scholarship to this program because I am sick and tired of struggling with this addiction. I've struggled with a addiction to porn since 6th grade. And I believe that this program will help me a lot. So that's why I think I should be selected.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I have struggled with this addiction for years and I don't want it to control my life anymore. I struggle with anxiety and depression and I hope that quitting will help improve my mental state. I don't feel like I have a strong motivation to recover and I don't know how to combat it so I really need help. I am scared to reach out to anyone for help. I am ashamed of my addiction. Please help me.”

Boy: 16 years old

“The first time I had ever seen porn was about five years ago and I've been addicted ever since. I've had porn readily available for three years, and I've been fighting this addiction for two and a half years. At my best, I've made it one day short of seven weeks, however usually I can't go two days without it and I would watch porn until it hurt. Today I have just failed yet again, when tomorrow would have made five weeks, and my second best time. I have seen so many things that I wish I hadn't. My whole life I've striven to solve my problems on my own, and I have usually succeeded, however after two and a half years of trying and failing, I am convinced that this is something I can't do alone. I want a chance to experience life, once again, as the unaddicted me. But I need help to achieve that, and if given the resources provided by the fortify program, I promise to utilize every one of them, and to put every ounce of the will that I have to offer into beating this addiction.

**Note - If my application comes in twice it is because I was afraid my first one didn't go through.”*

Boy: 17 years old

“I'm meant to great things. I want a healthy relationship and my first girlfriend. I want to contribute to this world and help people. For this I need to free myself from this awful habit that is pornography.”

Boy: 19 years old

"I have been watching porn for many years, now. I would really like to get help with my addiction. At first I thought that all teenaged boys watched pornography, but I realized that I was a major user... way more than any other boy. I need help. I don't want it to affect my adult relationships (sexual or mental.) My mother was addicted to Narcotic painkillers, and went through treatment a couple of years ago. That was really brave of her, and if she can do it, so can I!"

Boy: 16 years old

"HI, I have been addicted to porn and masturbating from the age of 12.when every I try to avoid that it follows me and I am tired of it. I can feel that I am addicted to porn. now I am afraid about life :-(.I found you guys on YouTube and I believe that you will help to get rid of this porn addiction. Thank you"

Boy: 17 years old

"I've been looking at pornography since I was a kid. I need to grow up and become a man since I have started college. I know that it will effect my relationships in the future and have tried everything to stop. And I want to make a stand right here right now."

Boy: 19 years old

"I have been struggling with this problem for years, and I just want to stop. I really need this, it is taking over my life. I just want to be normal."

Boy: 15 years old

"I want to be able to have a healthy relationship one day. I know pornography will destroy any chance I have at that."

Boy: 16 years old

"I have been addicted for years and I have tried to stop but I can't. every time I tried I failed. the longest I went without it was a week."

Boy: 17 years old

"I thought I could stop what I didn't even know was an addiction. It is against my church standards and I knew it was wrong and I tried to stop on my own but I couldn't. I talked to my parents and my bishop in my church and they helped and I quit for a little bit. But then I was back at it again and I don't know if I will ever be able to have self-control. It is not very consistent, but I've continued to do it so I need to fix it. I heard about this program and I think this is great and I would love to be able to have this awesome opportunity to help me."

Boy: 19 years old

“I am simply tired of the years of being trapped in this never ending cycle of addiction. I have let myself become distant with friends and family and find more comfort alone than anything else. I'm tired of being fake and having this addiction control me. I really want to be free to live my own life. Thank you for taking the time to help me.”

Boy: 17 years old

“It's important for people who have this addiction at a young age, because from what I know the younger you were, the harder it is to overcome. We've all gone through tough times, but we need something to pull us out of the trenches of desparity and help us realize the true meaning of adversity.”

Boy: 10 years old

“Because I don't feel good about doing this anymore. I feel disgusting and it's affecting my life in a bad way. I cannot focus on school or anything. I Feel so bad. I am addicted.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I am just coming to terms with the fact that I am addicted. I recently confessed to the love of my life that I was watched porn and masturbated and she told me that I need to stop for the sake of our relationship. My mental state is very warped. I have sexual thoughts about family members and friends and I am afraid that if I don't get help that I will lose this battle forever and that it will lead me to my damnation. I need help.”

Boy: 18 years old

“This has been the monster that I've been trying to deal with for eight years now. It keeps me depressed and unable to move forward, to strive for holiness. It affects my relationship with other women, my friends makes my heart hardened. It has robbed my ability to love completely, and has rewired my brain making it very difficult to eradicate. I need help.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I started the no porn challenge January first, I've had only one relapse. Since I don't have that fake feeling of happiness, I found out that my life is empty, since I have no porn 'happiness' I have nothing to feel good about, I know who I am now.

And even though I know I have a deep sadness, I don't want to go and fall for porn again because I want to experience real happiness, I want to be clean. I want to be happy, and I need help.

Also, I started dating a girl, the first time we were about to have sex, I couldn't hold an erection. I was there with my dream girl unable to achieve sexual arousal. I feel like the porn destroyed me. I am starting life from scratch. Thank you for reading.”

Boy: 19 years old

"I guess there is no special reason why I should be given a scholarship for this program. Like many others out there I am addicted to pornography. Even though I know it is wrong and that it can destroy lives and fills our minds with just dirty things I am addicted to it. I have tried to break the habits but always end up falling back into them. Either way I am determined to win this fight, I will not give up! I have been following the "fight the new drug" cause and the "fortify" program looks like a awesome program. I hope it can help everyone out there who is struggling with this addiction, and maybe even me. I really hope that if I get into this program that I can use it to help me get back on track and get rid of all the filth that comes with porn and replace it with clean and good things in life. Thank you for starting this fight/program and for considering me for it."

Boy: 17 years old

"This addiction is ruining my life. I have been trying to get clean for 4 years now and I haven't been able to. I want to be able to serve a mission for my church and be married to a girl and not have to worry about this. I don't have much time before I turn in my mission papers and I need to be clean and rid of this awful disease once and for all. PLEASE HELP ME!"

Boy: 20 years old

"I'm not going to lie, I got on my tablet getting ready to masturbate, as I was looking for pornography I came across this website. I've been addicted to pornography since the age of 9. I figured it was normal since everyone did it, until the age of 14 when I got converted to Christianity and I thought my addiction would stop there, it didn't. It's become worse. I cannot go more than 3 days without looking at pornography and when I finally break I end up masturbating multiple times in a day. My wife and I got married last year, 2013, I thought that after we married it would go away but there is nothing I haven't tried to stop and none of it works. She does not know I'm addicted and it hurts our intimacy a lot. I can't have her go through my phone or computer without thinking "what if she finds something?". This addiction hurts, thus addiction has been going on for 11 years. I need it to stop, I want it to stop, and this looks my pathway out of addiction. This is why I want to join the Fortify program."

Boy: 19 years old

"I have been battling with porn for about 7 years now and I have been clean for a little over 2 months, but as time goes on the temptation is getting stronger, and I need help to overcome this, I can't do it on my own, and just to know that I will have support through fortify will help so much. I can't really go to family members because I am too embarrassed. But I have been waiting for the Fortify program to startup so I not only get help, but help others also by giving support to one another."

Boy: 19 years old

“When I was a kid, we figured out that my dad had a pornography problem. It nearly destroyed my family. I want this to stop so that my future spouse and children don't have to go through the same thing. I want it because I know it is wrong but I kept looking at it. That is not the life I want, a life where I know it's bad but I do it anyway. I want this so my mom doesn't feel the same hurt twice.”

Girl: 16 years old

“I've been struggling with this for so long, and I've been waiting for this program since I heard about it a while ago. I signed up for it and you sent me a trial book. It helped some but I feel like this could be my break. Please help.”

Boy: 18 years old

“My troubles with pornography are escalating. I occasionally miss classes because of it, my sexual inclinations are becoming more extreme, and I'm tired of it and want it to stop. I've tried prayer, I've tried filters, and little has worked. I had just watched porn and was feeling like shit when I saw a post on reddit.com/r/Christianity that was from another Christian asking how he could stop using porn. One of the links people responded with was to the "Fight the New Drug" site, which led me here. I feel like God is trying to tell me to stop before it's too late, but I can't do it on my own.”

Boy: 19 years old

“because I want to stop being addicted to watching porn , it hurts me in a lot of ways , it makes me look at myself as a bad person”

Boy: 19 years old

“I have been struggling with this much of my life. I have tried multiple times to stop, but I just somehow keep going. It all started when I was young. My parents found out and kicked me off the computer (where it started from) for two months, and I stopped looking at it for fear of losing my computer privileges again. Then after a few years, I became clever. I learned ways to bypass our restrictions and leave no trace on the computer. It got so bad that I could barely go a day without looking at it. I felt terrible looking at it but I just couldn't stop. I could pull out for maybe a few days, or at most a few weeks, but it would suck me right back in. I have tried to be more religious, and that's helped slow it down, but I need to get rid of it for good.”

Boy: 16 years old

“I have been an addict for 5 years. I'm not sure how long I can keep going on my own. I so badly need help and support. I need this opportunity to be set free from the bondages and slavery that is pornography.”

Boy: 19 years old

“For the past 5 years of my life pornography has been the one nagging weight that will never allow me to ever feel perfectly happy. The guilt from it is always there. I can see what is doing to me emotionally and spiritually, and it scares me that I continue to partake in it despite this. I want my life back, to be able to look to the future with hope.”

Boy: 17 years old

“For the past 5 years pornography has been the one thing that constantly keeps me from feeling happy or hopeful about my future. I can see the damaging effect it has had on me (I have lost emotional sensitivity to many things), and yet I continue to partake in it. I want my life back, I want to have hope for my future, instead of just dread.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I am a nineteen year old with erectile dysfunction. That is not natural in the slightest. I want to be able to have a sexual relationship with someone I care about in the future and I can't do that with this addiction. My longest streak without porn or masturbation is about three weeks and then I hit a wall. I need help in getting over the hump and kicking this for the rest of my life.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I've been battling this issue for a number of years. I truly think it is harming my life, namely my social relationships. I've tried in the past to stop but I continually fall back into the cycle. I would like to be freed from the cycle once and for all and hopefully be a voice to others dealing with the issue.”

Boy: 16 years old

“cause I get sick of my life style . I feel like I lost the control over my life . and I am desperate to try anything to get out of my misery”

Boy: 19 years old

"I've been struggling with porn addiction for over 8 years. I have suffered so devastatingly. I started at such a young age, 12 and am sure whether to continue blaming myself or the internet which had become far too liberalized with this porn garbage. Porn has caused me to become incredibly detached from my peers to a degree that I barely have friends and enjoy the quality of life that I use to before 16. I'm depressed because I'm young and these precious years are rolling by and cannot become self-sufficient. My longest ever period of abstinence has been 26 days, and I shall never forget or take for granted that freedom. The freedom, like I was the forerunner and porn was irrelevant. I miss how happy I was and how bad emotions were just bad emotions and not a reason to act out. I aspire to leave home, go to university, but seriously how can I leave my home, and pay big money if I cannot leave my addiction? The reality is that it would be impossible.

Ultimately, I hate the lying, the delusions of grandeur and the misery that comes with viewing porn. As a person of Islamic faith, I do not like how it impacts on my spirituality, I don't want to feel like a hypocrite and completely value having a relationship with God above all else. I don't know how long I will be addicted, but I do know is I'm holding out for a much better life, where I can be the difference I want to see in the world. If selected, believe it will be the most charitable thing anyone could do for a fellow human being. You would be giving a person like myself life after they've been dead for so long."

Girl: 13 years old

"Porn is something that started really small for me. At a very young age. I remember my mom was napping upstairs and I was downstairs on the computer watching YouTube videos. I saw this random video on the side of my screen of a girl on a bed. Out of curiosity I clicked on it. The girl was basically just humping the bed. I watched more of those videos that day, not really knowing what it was. Years later I was on my nook looking up bedtime stories. I found eBooks with titles like "Sizzling Bedtime Stories". So I read them and read books like them. And I kind of liked them but I figured out it was bad so I tried to stop reading them. Unfortunately I kept reading them for at least a year. Then I stopped. To be honest, I don't remember how I started watching YouTube porn. I think it was because there were some bad people on a site called WoozWorld and they posted those videos. I started watching them again. I watched them in private. Now I saw something at my school about how pornography is a drug. It scared the... the POOP out of me. I want and need to stop because I know this is wrong and I don't want to suffer this terribly anymore. I want to live to become a great young woman but I can't do that with porn, a disgusting thing, on my shoulders. I know this needs to stop and I want to stop it. When I saw Fortify on the Fight The New Drug website, I figured that this was my greatest chance."

Boy: 19 years old

“I really want to stop watching porn and to masturbate, but it's really hard as I get all restless etc. I know that it is a problem and I want to get rid of the need to watch porn and masturbate. I've tried to stop around 5 times but It's really hard and I always had a relapse.”

Boy: 18 years old

“This program will help me to overcome a problem that is stopping me from doing things I have wanted to do my whole life; go to a specific school and go on a mission. I have spent years trying to free myself from this addiction and have not been able to do it alone or with the help of my family. Money is tight in our family right now because my brother was in a car accident 6 months ago and is now a quadriplegic.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I Just want to be done with porn. I go through periods where I don't view it at all but come back. I know how unhealthy it is, and I know how it affects attitudes towards women. I want to be as compassionate as I've always been for the rest of my life. I want to never treat a woman with disrespect because I watch porn. When I get married, I want to be faithful. When I have kids, I want to make sure they never need this help.”

Boy: 16 years old

“The new drug has been a part of my life since I was nine. At that time, I didn't fully understand the consequences that would follow. Three years had gone by with that naive mindset, and once I realized how horrible if a situation I am in, it was already sort of bred into my daily life, and I have gone on week long marathons trying with nothing but complete will to go without my addition. This is the hardest thing that I have ever had to overcome, and I need help. I need help so I can build a beautiful family later on in life, and be.. just free. I'm honestly tearing up right now because this is the thing that I have been waiting for all my life, and I rarely cry. I cannot thank you enough for giving me hope. For showing me that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Thank you for considering my application.:)”

Boy: 19 years old

“I've been trying to fight this for years and I can't seem to get away. It's ruined nearly three relationships. It really has a grasp on me and I'm not sure how to get away.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I myself tried so many ways to get rid of pornography and masturbation but nothing lasts for long. I deeply think of my messy life and others as well. If I can get rid of this disease I believe I can shine more in life and I have a future plan that I will contribute to the society and I will try to start an anti-drug program for others. I have a deep passion to work in this sector as I suffered the most and I know the pain what others are getting right now. For these reasons I need to get up myself first and I need some assistance through you people. Please do help me. Give me your hand to create a better world. Thank you”

Boy: 18 years old

“I am simply ashamed of the things I have done over the past years. I am a teen and seeing porn was not my idea but the peer pressure got to me and since then I have been having a long fight which I want to end with or without your help. However, I am convinced that if you offer me your help that this fight might finally be drawn to a conclusion, me being on top.”

Boy: 17 years old

“Because I have been clean for two months because I want to stay with my girlfriend. I know pornography is harmful and is bad for you. I am continually searching for anything that will continue to help me fight and conquer my addiction.”

Boy: 19 years old

“This addiction has ruined many relationships and opportunities in my life. I want to try this program because, I want to take these steps in order to finally rid myself of an addiction that has affected me for years. I take my faith seriously, I take my relationships seriously, and I take my life seriously. And I believe that Fortify is an excellent option for me to receive the help I need to change.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I have had a pornography problem since I was 13 years old and I have tried all methods to make this stop. Hoping this one will work. I battle depression and anxiety and loneliness. I want to respect women and pornography does not do that. It's made me a person I don't want to be.”

Boy: 19 years old

“Because I want to change my life around, and have a firm control of it. I want to reach my full potential and I really need help.”

Boy: 18 years old

"Honestly, I don't deserve to be selected. I'm a normal guy, nothing special. But, I do want to stop my addiction to porn and masturbation. I've struggled with it for 5 years, and it's eaten away so much of me. This past month has been better. Instead of the past years of doing it at least once a day, it has gone down to an average of once every other day. Due to going to a Christian conference and Jesus Christ working in me there, and every day. But it is still a problem. It's ruining my relationship with Him, it's ruining me, and it's ruining my future relationship with my future wife whomever she may be. In Ephesians 5:3 says, "3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people." I need to stop, it is a sin. And in Romans 12:1-2, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." I need to be pure, and even though I don't do it as much, it is still evil and wrong. It is ruining the authority I have in Christ, and it's ruining my testimony. I want to stop, I need to stop, so that I will be available for God to fully use."

Boy: 17 years old

"I am a fighter. Always have been. Problem is, fighting isn't enough. You need help, you need allies, and you can't fight it alone."

I was introduced to porn when I was 8. It sat there, festering, until it finally came out and started causing problems as a teenager. A combination of experimentation and curiosity dragged me deeper. I was caught, then learned how to hide and wasn't caught.

I finally revealed it, my darkest secret. A few of my closest friends and my girlfriend now know of my struggle, and we share the burden. But it's not enough. I still need structure and I'm desperate to try something to fight it."

Boy: 19 years old

"Because I need to change my life around, and some people are afraid to take that step but I need to. I need to gain control of my life and I know I have a lot of potential and want to reach that. I need help and hopefully this can!"

Boy: 17 years old

"I have spent more than 10 years in this bad habit and I have tried a 1000 times to stop it but I could not. Now I don't have any other option left, Fortify Program is my last hope and if it didn't work I will be left with the belief that there is no cure in the world for masturbation and I will spend the rest of my life cursed by this habit..."

Boy: 17 years old

“Since I started watching pornography, I have always doubted the ethical part of watching those videos. At first, I wasn't aware of what I was doing, and acted like a dog being pulled by a leash.

But now, after thinking a lot about it, I have come to realize that by watching pornography, I am objectifying women, and since I think that the body of a woman is the most beautiful thing created, it should be respected, not taken as an instrument of personal, selfish pleasure. This is in addition to all the drug-like effects that watching pornography causes.

Therefore, I want to stop now. I have managed to hold for a few months since the start of this year, but I am feeling that I am starting to break down again. This is why I applied to this fortify program. I want to end my route to a dead end, to a life living alone, staring at a computer screen, and recover my ability to be able to participate in true, respectful and loving relationships.”

Boy: 20 years old

“I've been struggling with pornography addiction for most of my life. I've tried to stop for the last couple of years but continually fail. I've even gotten professional advice, but it does not work. I am so often plagued with compulsions and it is very hard to overcome. I just want to feel good about myself, hold steadfast in my beliefs and be respectable.”

Boy: 18 years old

“This is a problem that has plagued me for a decade. Talking with my ecclesiastical leaders has been helpful to know of God's love, and seeing councilor a has given me inspiration, but nothing has yet been able to help me to have sufficient strength to beat this addiction. I want to try anything that will help, because I cannot stand the lies, shame, and tears any longer.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I want this scholarship because I am tired of seeing other girls in this world especially the one I am in love with and having guilt because I watch pornography. I plan to be a husband someday and advantly date again but I cant if I keep watching pornography and so I want to change for those women out there and for my future girl/wife. I want to become a fighter!!!”

Boy: 16 years old

“Right now, I am the only one on Earth that knows about my habit. I've confessed to my parents and they helped me recover the first time. I stopped for about a month, but it's back and has already began to noticeably change the way I communicate and function on my own and at home. I just want to feel good about myself for once (being introduced to pornography at eight). I am seventeen, and I don't want this to hurt a future marriage. It scares me, and that's why I need this program.”

Boy: 18 years old

"I should be selected for a scholarship because I believe I have erectile dysfunction as a result of my pornography addiction. This troubles me and my sexual relationship with my girlfriend. I have tried to quit in the past and have had some success for about a month but have always come back to porn. With the help of the Fortify Program I hope to quit this addiction once and for all."

Girl: 17 years old

"I am a young teenage girl with strongly held Christian beliefs. I consider myself a true and genuine Christian who is wholeheartedly seeking after God.

But I have a struggle. For 5 years, I've been viewing pornography and masturbating on a regular basis. The addiction is so strong that I sometimes feel the urge to masturbate up to 3 times a day. I know this practice is out of control and it has severely affected the way I think and how I interact with others on a daily basis.

I'm very scared to tell anyone about what is going on. I'm terrified.

I'm even more terrified of this problem ruining my future. I'm afraid it will affect or even break my future marriage or family.

I have tried to put the addiction down several times in the past but it always results in failure. I'm beginning to lose hope, starting to think I'll be addicted forever.

Please select me to partake in this program. I desperately need help to recover and don't want my pornography addiction to ruin my very bright future."

Boy: 20 years old

"Hi, I really need help with my addiction. It has gotten to the point where it ruined my relationship with my girlfriend of two years and I look at porn multiple times a day. I started just looking at pictures but over the course of the past year it has got worse. I now constantly watch videos but that hasn't been enough so now I go to adult friend finder and craigslist. Anything to get my fix. I've read everything on your website and feel that this program can really help me out. I'm very desperate. I need help. I can't afford to let this keep ruining my life. I hope that you will give me the opportunity to go through the Fortify program and come out a better man. Please give me this scholarship to put me on the right path of life. Thank you."

Boy: 19 years old

"I am a young husband and father who needs to get help for my pornography addiction or I will lose the only family I've really had."

Boy: 19 year old

"I've been addicted to porn for 6 years now and I can't even have a functioning relationship at this point. I've been causing a lot of damage to myself and my relationship. I've tried to quit many times, but I always seem to get sucked back in. I just want to take control of my life and get away from all the evil and lust that porn has put into my heart."

Boy: 18 years old

"I should be selected for a scholarship because I want to be normal I want to be like somebody who doesn't struggling all the time."

Boy: 16 years old

"Because I'm tired of spending my time watching pornography when I can do other things like hanging with my friends or spending my time studying, and its not the first time I have tried to stop watching it but I think this could help me out with my problem."

Boy: 20 years old

"I have been struggling with porn for over the past 8 years, and have realized it's negative effects spiritually, academically, and physically. I want to overcome and have started to make moves to prevent myself from viewing porn in many occurrences. I was referred to Fortify by a friend."

Girl: 17 years old

"Eleven was the age I first saw pornography. I was a good girl, curious about the changes happening to me, and with a lack of information to what sex really even meant. One fateful day, I Google searched "boobs." The results of one look were catastrophic. Eight years I have been battling my addiction to this completely accessible drug, with only periods of freedom. My flaw: I never accepted myself. I never sought out help. I realized the only true way to fight this drug is to use what it is trying to kill off: love. I needed to accept myself. I needed to love myself, despite what I'd been doing. I've realized that I am worth fighting for, and worth loving. And, I'm ready to change."

Boy: 20 years old

"I am very passionate about fighting the addiction of masturbation and porn. I have read several books and done a few online programs to help with my addiction. They haven't given me long-term freedom and this program seems very custom fit to fighting my needs to be freed from my addiction. I want to go around and help other people struggling with the same problem but it is hard to say to do something and not do it yourself. I hope you pick me, but I love what you are doing. I think it is going to a blessing to many people and make a new standard for purity in our culture today."

Boy: 18 years old

"I feel as though pornography is messing with my self-esteem and overall self image. It's a compulsive habit that started before I knew what was happening. As I begin my college life, I would appreciate a comprehensive, but private, way to work through this struggle."

Boy: 17 years old

"I need help vie been at this for nearly five years and I've tried many programs that haven't worked I want to be free I want my old life back when I was going out to places and I've nearly left coming up to my last month and I've been thinking if I can't quit now will I still be doing this for the rest of my life"

Boy: 17 years old

“First of all I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your free service. I want to be selected because I know that its a very bad habit and also religiously, it is a big sin totally unacceptable. On the other hand, its not good even for health and affect brain. I wanted to stop watching such thing and I was trying hard, its like addiction. I want to get rid of such a shamefully habit.”

Boy: 19 years old

“because, I feel I destroyed my personality due to porn. I want to get rid of it”

Boy: 20 years old

“I have struggled with the addiction for 6 years now. Granted, its not an everyday thing, but it is a 1-2 week thing. I don't like to think. I'm an addict, but I know I am. Being LDS (or a Mormon), I know my responsibilities as a child of God. I know what I'm supposed to do and what not to do. I pray every day and night and yet, somehow, I still find myself caught in this nasty trap. I served an LDS Mission as well, and with that, you'd think that I wouldn't struggle.. I didn't struggle on my mission, but came home, and it hit me HARD. I have done and tried so many different things, even signing the banner and pledge, and I still messed up. I know that I can't give up, or lose hope, cause that's when the temptation comes even more. I am so beyond scared that I won't ever get married, have kids, or live the life I want, if I don't get it fixed now. I know I can get through this and I know I can't give up. I also know I can't get through this by myself and I need the help. Being able to tell others (speech giver you could say) about how I overcame this horrible addiction, is something I want to do. I love to talk and give speeches, and I just want to be done! I want to be what's called worthy again. I want to be the person I am supposed to be and I feel so strongly this will help me. I apologize for this being so long.. I could have written more, but Ill leave it at that. Thank you.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I want to be free of sexual brokenness, and I believe that the Fortify Program can help with that. Pornography and masturbation have no benefits; they can only harm.”

Boy: 19 years old

“ever since this addiction started it has ruined my life, I feel depressed all the time, I feel like I have no meaning in life, I have been trying to stop for the last 5 years, and I cannot stop, I really want to stop, many times I feel like committing suicide because of the depression this habit has caused. I really want to stop and I think I really deserve this scholarship.”

Boy: 15 years old

“I think I should be selected because of my constant (1-3 times a day on average) masturbation and pornography use. I would like to better myself for God, my family, and others. I feel I lose lots of time watching pornography and know it will negatively affect me in the future in ways that will ruin my life. I also feel it ruins my spiritual connection with God. I tried to stop on my own, but it just didn't work. I feel I need help, but I am too afraid to get help from my parents and my friends are no use. Thank you for reading.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I've been trying for seven years now to rid myself of this addiction, but nothing has worked. Recently, I've spent hours on end web-camming with strangers just to reach that next high. I'd really like to stop, but I don't know how.”

Boy: 17 years old

“Because I want to quit pornography recover from all the damage that pornography has caused to my brain and ideas of sexuality, I want to see women as human beings not just body parts, I really want help and when I recover from this I want to help other people.”

Boy: 19 years old

“Despite the norm of my generation, I started viewing porn at a much later age. This is because I knew it was wrong resisted until one day I gave into it and have never been able to reclaim my freedom. I know my habit is wrong but I continue to do because porn has an alluring power that can bring the strong men to their knees and keep them there under its powerful grip. In the past two years I have developed a habit that I fear I will keep for the rest of my life even when I happily married. One experience that sticks with me to this day is finding porn on my dad's iPhone and I still remember that shattered feeling and I thought to myself that I never want my kids to feel this. I want to be a man that lives up to values he believes in and porn is preventing me developing into the best version of myself. I understand that my reliance on porn is not as severe as others but I want to quit now while I still have my life. Thank You for offering this program free of charge and look forward to hearing back from you.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I've been dealing with a pornography addiction since I was 12. No matter what I do or try not to do, I somehow have not been able to stop coming back. My view towards others and especially my relationships with women have been drastically affected, hurting those I care about. I want to be able to marry knowing that I will be respecting the woman I am marrying for who she is, not what parts she has. I need to quit and I will try anything to. I have been following your program for a while, and I think it's time to step up and try.”

Boy: 17 years old

"I've been knocking down a lot of bad habits in life in working on a project of mine, but I feel as if this is one of the habits left that I've yet to conquer, and one that would provide the most benefits should I do so."

Boy: 15 years old

"I want my old life back, and I don't want to be chained by porn. I want to be able to maintain a relationship with a person I love, not porn."

Girl: 15 years old

"I just discovered this program today as I was researching if sexual addictions are similar to drug addictions in terms of brain chemistry, and if so, how to recover from them. I like what Fortify program has to say about it as well as how they have developed something to help combat this addiction in the location where it most commonly lurks--the internet. Hopefully this will help provide me with an online sort of accountability. I was really encouraged by this site."

Boy: 16 years old

"I have always wanted to overcome this horrible addiction of pornography in my life, by doing this it would literally be the greatest achievement of my life considering I have started this at an early age and still currently viewing this. By having free access I am able to gain all the help I need by Fortify, who are passionate and willing to help people overcome this disgusting issue possessing us human beings. If I were not to be given free access from a brilliant organization who are determined to help, I am not sure who will, therefore I believe if I am given free access, I will be able to overcome this issue and hopefully make my life worth living."

Boy: 14 years old

"Ever since I started looking at pornography I have felt like I am hiding something. When I would look at it I would tell myself that it didn't matter but in the back of my mind I knew it was wrong. I could feel that God didn't approve of it. I would always tell myself that this was the last time I would do it but I would end up making an excuse and doing it anyways. I really want to stop and I need help. I feel like this program is what I need."

Boy: 19 years old

"Because I cannot purchase the program, since I don't have a bank account and my parents don't know about my addiction. I want to be free because I am socially awkward and my addictions block my attempts to make friends. They make me feel lonely and worthless. I believe in you. Would you please give me a chance to be able to believe in myself?"

Boy: 17 years old

"I have had the terrible experience of having relapse after relapse after relapse over the period of years. My entire teenage years I have been plagued by this terrible recurring problem. I hate it so much it is beyond description. I've tried so hard and so many different ways to get rid of this, and for a time they work. But the continual, always eventually failing is so much to bear. I need a resource that I can count on to be a real help and solution"

Girl: 16 years old

"I have been fighting this problem for a couple of years now, and I feel like I don't have any resources to help me. I feel like I have lost my self-control and can't say no to my addiction. I feel extremely guilty and I want to get over this guilt trip. I think these resources will finally help me kick this habit once and for all. I want to be free of this once and for all."

Girl: 17 years old

"Eleven was the age I first saw pornography. I was a good girl, curious about the changes happening to me, and with a lack of information to what sex really even meant. One fateful day, I Google searched "boobs." The results of one look were catastrophic. Eight years I have been battling my addiction to this completely accessible drug, with only periods of freedom. My flaw: I never accepted myself. I never sought out help. I realized the only true way to fight this drug is to use what it is trying to kill off: love. I needed to accept myself. I needed to love myself, despite what I'd been doing. I've realized that I am worth fighting for, and worth loving. And, I'm ready to change."

Boy: 19 years old

"There really isn't anything more important for me right now than overcoming my compulsive behavior of looking at pornography. It has never been something I thought was okay or was happy to be doing. However, it has become a daunting force in my life and I need to get rid of it. My biggest goal in life right now is to serve a mission for my church, which I cannot do until I beat this habit. My life is essential at a standstill because of this and I am through letting it control me. I feel that I have a lot of potential and that I can do good things for people, and all of that is being limited because of pornography."

Boy: 17 years old

Hello! I am very glad this program is available now I been waiting for it. I want you to know my religious background is very important to me. I been struggling with Masturbation and Pornography little over 2 years now. I been fighting it for a year and I am struggling keeping my way. I don't fall every day or week it is more like once a month. I could use some resources what helps me better understand how to overcome this. That is why I want to try your program. I have never tried a program before so this would be my first time. I really want to quit this addiction for good.

Boy: 16 years old

I want to be able to feel accomplished having victory over it. I have tried so many times on my own to quit, but it is just too hard, and I know that this program will help, I have friends who have said it works 100% and I really want to give it a shot. I am really excited to have a constant guide on how to smash this problem into the ground. This would be life changing for me.

Boy: 16 years old

I am ready to finally cut pornography and masturbation out of my life. I have been addicted to porn for five years and I hate it. I have , on rare occasion, gone about two weeks tops without watching porn or masturbating, but most of the time it just feels like something that's doomed to be a part of me for my whole life like a terminal illness. I know in my head that that's not true however, and I want to start making that a reality in my life. I hate what pornography does to me. I struggle with homosexuality and I can't stand the way I let lust taint some of my friendships with guys. I don't want to get an erection from hugging my best friend, that is so messed up!! But it's happened at points where I was masturbating five times a day and my body more susceptible to lust. I would love so much to use this great resource you've created to help me take control of my life. Thank you for your consideration.

Boy: 20 years old

Been struggling with this for a long time just finally want to be free from the junk. It consumes my thoughts and im ready to take it back

Girl: 16 years old

Because I think pornography has made me react positively to non-consensual sex and violence against women.

Boy: 19 years old

I am a 19-year-old American soldier. Since a young age I've viewed and masturbated to pornography. It's come to the point where I can never get a full erection, and have trouble maintaining those I do get. I have a beautiful girlfriend who I only have an opportunity to see when I'm on leave and I want to be able to use our time together without needing to worry about getting hard for her. Since I identified my chronic overconsumption of and dependence on porn and masturbation I've completely cut both out of my life and am trying to "recover". I want to do everything in my power to make my recovery as successful as possible.

Boy: 17 years old

Look, I'm a Christian man that a lot of people look up to. I frequently lead worship at my church and I'm freaking tired of feeling like a hypocrite. Porn has always been a struggle for me. Is it really wrong? What affects does it really have? Etc. I hate the struggle. All I truly want is to be free from porn forever. I want to have sex with my future wife, but that's as far as I want my lust to go.

Being a musician, I can barely afford gas and insurance for my car. Any affordable opportunity that to make my life more pure and righteous is extremely appealing to me. But I'm poor, and probably destined not to be wealthy. I cannot express how grateful I would be to receive this scholarship, and when I come of age, I really want to donate to this organization to help others like myself.

Thank you all so much for what your are doing. God bless you!

Boy: 19 years old

I tried multiple times to quit and just couldn't give It up. I even told my parents about it and they didn't like it. So this literally my last resort. I've tried everything.

Boy: 15 years old

I feel that I cannot fight the problem alone. I have talked to my bishop and parents and have tried to repent, but the problem repeats. Every person that I have heard discussing it at school has clearly stated that they think it is okay and that you are pretty much homosexual if you DON'T masturbate. I know they are wrong, and I know many of the facts. I am aware that it can and will release hormones in the brain that are harmful to you. I know that it will ruin relationships in the future. That doesn't help you when you're on the computer alone and need help. I have been to a therapist for a one-time session, and did not get the help I needed. I'm hoping I'll be able to through this program.

Girl: 13 years old

"Because my life is crashing. I can't stop and it's ruining everything. I feel like I need it but I know it's wrong. I JUST CANT STOP!!"

Boy: 19 years old

It has been more than 5 years I've been addicted. I've seen the effects it had on me. And many times I've wished I could go back in time and stop that 9-year-old kid from watching the nonsense stuff and lift this curse. But that's impossible. I have to move forward. I want to be free. I want to fly. I want to love myself. But I'm chained. There some recovery programs out there on the net. There are just too expense and I came from a poor background. Plus, my family doesn't know I have this problem and they watch closely to what I am spending on. Many times, I tried to secretly save my money to access these programs but I failed. It is just to difficult with current situation. I really hope I could get selected for the scholarship. I'm putting everything on the line here. If I'm not selected, then I'll just wish for the best to those who got it and are going through recovery as there's no more hope for me.

Boy: 16 years old

I have been working on this problem for years. I keep fighting it, and I am good for a few weeks or a month, but I always bounce back. I've had enough so I am finally trying an actual program instead of fighting it on my own.

Boy: 19 years old

Because my life is a chaos, in this moment my dreams and objectives are destroyed for the bad thoughts that I have of the immorality. The worst error was watch porn when I was 13, because now I'm addicted and my happiness is hopeless. Please I want be free of this, I have dreams and I cant realize them, because this thoughts-inmorality-are of distract. Please help me!! really I need help. To my parents is normal watch porn to men, but they don't know that I'm adicted-thats is destroyed my conscience-.PLEASE I NEED YOUR HELP :(

Boy: 19 years old

I have been struggling with pornography for quite a while. It has taken over my life. Making me lazy, effecting my marks, social interactions and etc... I want to get rid of this stupid habit and start out fresh, If you guys can help me do that then I would be really grateful. Please select me for this scholarship :). By the way I really appreciate you guys helping out society with this program, great work and continue doing what you guys do.

Boy: 18 years old

I've tried to stop numerous times but just can't. As I'm watching I know that I want to stop but continue to watch porn. I always find myself being late to work, school, family functions and always end up making stories on why I was late. Hopefully this will really help me. Thank you.

Boy: 16 years old

I would like to be selected because I am very determinate to quit masturbating. I am doing sports all the time, climbing, more specific,and I struggle to be as healthy as it gets, but porn stands in my way and for a year or two I had no stable relationship because of porn. I would always get bored with my girlfriend and I wasn't attracted by any of them at all. I always wanted to come home and masturbate. I tried to quit it, but I could only last for a week and I really want to regain control. Please help me!

Boy: 18 years old

I have struggled with pornography for several years now, and as I am about to enter college next year, porn is something I would really like to have a better control on. My small group at church has been working through this struggle for most of the senior boys, but I find it almost increasingly difficult to overcome. A friend from my group told me about Fortify and I think it may be just what I need to finally get a better handle on my addiction.

Boy: 17 years old

"I feel like it's affecting my motivation to do other things in life. I also feel it contributes to my lack of willpower."

Boy: 19 years old

"I've tried everything possible and I feel like I'm at the end of myself with nothing left. As a Christian I have very firm beliefs in the immorality of pornography, and I feel that if I cannot beat this thing then I'll end up in hell. I can't bear the thought of losing God and need your help because you're my last hope."

Boy: 18 years old

"because I don't want to go on like this, I want to change my thinking my behavior, I want to live free and don't want to go on hurt other people and myself because all the people I talked to just told me that im not alone and that they had the same problem.."

Boy: 16 years old

"I was born into a strict family but I started watching pornography at the age of 12 when a school peer told me that it is 'fun' and I actually believed him. I then got this small devil in my ear every time I was alone and had the laptop or everyone was asleep and I had any device I would use it. at the age of 14 it got very addictive and from the age of 13 and a half I wanted to quit. I know am 16 and nobody except for this site I had never confessed about my secret. I want to stop. It had caused me to feel stress, I hit my self sometimes and think about suicide because it seems like this life is pointless, and a sex life where you just have sex until your unable to then you just die. It seemed pointless to me living and I hated life at times. I had quit pornography for nearly a year but just unfortunately watched it yesterday. I am still trying to quit and I need your help."

Boy: 15 years old

"I want to be free from my addiction. Its starting to effect my emotion and twist my thoughts. I'm here for myself and my family doesn't know. Id like to keep it that way and fix my problem myself"

Boy: 14 years old

"My family gets food stamps. I don't view pornography all the time, but I feel like I want to and I don't want to feel that way anymore. Every time I go on the computer or tablet, I feel like I want to look at things and I want that to stop."

Girl: 16 years old

"I feel like if I stop now I will be able to resist any form of temptation that shall fall upon me in the future. So I will be able to live my life without regret weighing me down. So I can have a future I can look forward to and might have a family and a job protecting the people I care about the most."

Boy: 18 years old

“I have been struggling with pornography for a very long time, and have wanted to give it up for several years. I have tried several times to give it up, but obviously keep failing. I have recently realized that it is not my actions that will free me from this curse, but trusting in the Lord entirely. I hope this program will help me, rather than hinder me in that and just make the whole healing process smoother with fewer bumps in the road. Thank you in advance!”

Boy: 17 years old

“I got into other things than just pornography. Porn led to me getting into some illegal acts such as and electronic cigarette and me and my parents noticed that I'm not who I used to be and I want and need help.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I have been struggling with sex addiction for far too long. And yes I said sex, not just pornography. While porn certainly contributes to my struggle I fight an even bigger battle. I was abused when I was a small child. Since then I have been sexualized and exposed to sex way too much. Sex and porn became coping mechanisms. I had been taught that sex and porn were things that could be used to make you feel better when things were hard. Clearly this is not the case. Both are destructive. Porn all the time but in my perspective sex outside of marriage can be just as destructive. When living outside of a promise sex is a feel good. It is a replacement and a coping mechanism for dealing with what we are really searching for; true love. I have had seasons where I have eradicated porn and wrong sex from my life. But it's not something that can be cured. It's a lifelong struggle. It's a continuous battle. Here lately I have been losing that battle. I am sick of it. I am a warrior and it's time to start fighting again. Please, please, please help me in my fight.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I stopped at one point. Then I started again. Then I stopped again. Now I'm doing it again. I don't want to. I hate it. It makes me miserable. I'm not in a relationship, but I have trouble talking to girls. And sometimes I even have problems looking at girls without thinking a dirty thought. I don't want to be alone forever. I want to be happy. I want to feel clean again.”

Boy: 18 years old

“Well, I have fought my addiction to pornography in the past, sometimes unsuccessfully (most of the time) and sometimes successfully short-term, but recently I really thought I had stopped for good, I hadn't watched it or masturbated for around 11 months... but I got dragged back in slowly but surely... I saw this site and thought that this could really help me once and for all rid myself of this disease... so yeah that's why I think I should be selected... I really don't know what else to do except maybe some will power...?”

Boy: 18 years old

"It has really affected my life a lot. My social skills and the way I communicate with people is different . I'm an athlete also , it affects me physically. It affects my body and my knees and I feel weaker when I play. My family is also really religious and in my religion Islam , it is a big sin to watch pornography and masturbate. I really need to change my ways , the most I gone without watching porn and masturbating is 2 weeks and I really don't know what to do any more . I need to stop now. Please help me"

Boy: 18 years old

"I am now almost 18. Almost one month away and I've had an addiction to pornography for over 3 years. I've had times where I've "beaten" it, but those have only lasted a few weeks at most. All I want in this world is to be free of it. It's been ruining my life and making me extremely depressed. It's time to change that."

Boy: 19 years old

"I have been struggling with pornography since I was 5 years old. Before I used to watch it for hours at night. I struggle every day to not watch it again, but it is difficult. Because of pornography I got in big trouble. My counselor is encouraging me to get into this program so I can do it at home in a daily basis. I can access it very easily at home if I try to, luckily my computer is in my parents' bedroom therefore it can be very noticeable if was on porn. I need help a lot. Please give me a chance to use this program."

Boy: 19 years old

"I have been addicted to porn for about five years now. Most of my teenage years have been spent viewing pornography and as I move on with my life I don't want to start my adult years as being that person who has to view pornography just to be able to get through the day. Because of porn, I have slowly become unsociable towards my friends and family, and I have never been able to have a romantic relationship with anyone besides the screen of my computer. Its time I finally did something about this addiction and this is the only way I see I can start to move on with my life"

Girl: 19 years old

"I feel so trapped. I am so addicted to this and I really want to stop, but I don't know how. I am afraid that this will ruin any future relationship I have, and I am so sick of doing this. I need help, because I don't know how to stop this addiction on my own. I feel like I've tried so hard, but haven't gotten far at all and I'm exhausted of feeling disappointed at myself."

Boy: 19 years old

“Because I have been trying for a long time on my own trying to get this addiction out of my life on my own and so far I have not been successful. I want to be able to give my wife all of me one day and be able to love her in every way. I also feel like if I can get this out of my life then it will help me be a better young man and it will help my life be better knowing that I don't have that burden on my heart.”

Boy: 19 years old

“Hello to who ever is reading this. I hope you're having a nice day. Truthfully, I don't NEED the scholarship because I've been abstaining myself from pornography for about 3 months now. I've looked at a little bit of it in those three months, but I've only masturbated to it 3-4 times. I want to better myself as a person and I see pornography as speed bump to that goal. I hate the idea of dehumanizing women in porn or in any other medium. Its absurd. So to cut to the chase, I'd like to rid myself of those few occasions where I DO watch porn with the help of this program. If I don't attain the scholarship, I wont be disappointed at all; in fact, I'd rather have you give it to someone with a far more chronic situation then me. Thank you for reading this blurb :)”

Boy: 18 years old

“I would want to be selected for a scholarship for free access because I have been struggling for a while and just want freedom. Porn has started to change my personality, how I deal with things, how I talk to people, I've even noticed its made me love people less. I just want to get back on track and take my life back. I hate it, but its like a drug to me, I always go back for more.”

Boy: 20 years old

“Well, I'm 20. I've been trying to stop for about a year now and can't seem to make any progress. One of my biggest reasons for stopping is that I don't want it to become an issue between me and my future wife. I've tried almost everything and I can't seem to stop...I need this.”

Boy: 20 years old

“I've been trying to wean myself off this addiction for 4 years now and I just can't stop. I' honestly scared I'm never going to be able to.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I believe I have so much potential. I have great grades, great athletic ability and decent social skills. However, I feel very weak and insecure about my addiction and I can feel its negative impact on me. I have been trying to break my habit for over a year now and I am struggling a lot. I need this program to help.”

Boy: 20 Years old

"I'm 20 years old, and I have been struggling with this addiction for the last 8 years of my life. I used to watch porn at least 3 times a day, and have been trying to actively quit for the last 4 years with little success. I'm absolutely dying to beat this thing, I want to regain my sex drive (if I ever had one) and be able to relate to women in an authentic way. I'm currently experiencing general anxiety, major depression and am about to start on medication. I'm trying to get over this addiction and am willing to commit everything to succeed. Help me!"

Boy: 18 years old

"I think that I should be selected because I have had a porn and masturbation addiction for the last 6 years and still have no idea how to stop."

Boy: 20 years old

"For almost my entire prepubescent life, I've had access to porn. It has completely affected and has delayed my social skills and any attempts for healthy relationships in my life. I feel that because of the porno graphic images that I've subjected myself to in my life, I feel that I have forever altered my perception of any chance of a relationship in my life. because of my upbringing, I have now become concerned for my mental health and personal well being. I'm currently attending my second year at the University of Iowa and I have suffered drops in my GPA and have even gone to the point that of looking at porn on my smartphone during lectures. It has become a huge problem and embarrassing part of my life that is taking up my time and affecting my grades. I'm just wanting to be a normal successful student who can be sociable and pleasant to be around. But I have yet to be able to accomplish this and I feel that with this program I can achieve it."

Boy: 19 years old

"I have no 'good' reason to be selected for this program. I have been struggling with porn and sexual sin since I was 12, and have tried every possible strategy, cure, technique, that I have ever encountered, and I have never been able to escape porn or masturbation. I have gone to church leaders, to school teachers, friends and family, and I have always ended up going back to pornography in one form or another. Almost two years ago my use of porn and the road of sexual sin it led my then-girlfriend at the time was a large contributing factor to the dissolution of our relationship that had lasted nearly two years, and I consigned myself to doing everything possible to manage and restrain my use, and I feel as if this is the struggle that all Christian men simply must endure their entire lives. I know what I am supposed to do and how to do it, but I have little or no self-discipline to last more than 10 or 20 days without using it. I shouldn't be picked because I have very little if any hope of overcoming this addiction, and now this new website and program have come out and I feel like I am making a thousand yard rifle shot blindfolded in a hurricane, but if it actually works, if this program can actually do what it says then if there is any hope for me there must be hope for everyone."

Boy: 19 Years old

“I have been struggling with pornography since I was a child. It has ruined my happiness. I lost my sense of wonder and nothing seems to please me anymore. Recently, the addiction became so strong that I feel like I go into deep depression every time I watch. I don't want to watch but there's something inside me that controls my movements and makes me do it anyways or the temporary pleasure.”

Girl: 19 years old

“because I'm lost. I don't know how to stop. I feel bad after watching porn but I keep doing that things. help me. I want to stop. please please please”

Boy: 18 Years old

“Porn has become so addictive for me that it is interrupting my normal life. Being from a highly conservative society, it is unthinkable to even express this problem openly. To even admit to the fact that I am watching porn is not acceptable in my society and therefore getting any form of help or support is impossible. This is my one and only option and getting accepted into this program would prevent this problem from ruining my life.”

Boy: 16 years old

“I should be selected because I desperately want to get pornography out of my life. I have worked hard for 2 years now to stop watching it with some moderate success, but I have never been able to completely put it in the past. If I could participate in the Fortify program I hope it would be the last effort I need to put pornography in my past.”

Girl: 18 years old

“I have been looking for sites that can help me fight this, and since I found the web I am ready to follow their guidelines to help me come out of my darkness and finally be freed from this drug. I am ready to do whatever I have to do to end this, I have been fighting alone, by myself. I am qualified because I started alone and seeking for help and will abide to all the rules. I am should get the scholarship.”

Boy: 20 years old

“I have been battling with pornography addiction for years, and have just lost my girlfriend of two years over it. I know I can get better, but have yet to find a comprehensive aid to help me along the way. I want to renew myself, and I have done so in all aspects of my life and continue to work every day to better my condition. Pornography is the final frontier - without it, I will finally have achieved an all-round improvement in my quality of life, and be able to move on and into the future confidently.”

Boy: 19 years old

"I have been struggling with watching pornography for a really long time. I can't go a single day without it, and it is even hard for me to go to sleep without first watching it/looking at it. It is very scary to imagine a life without pornography just because Its been such a big thing in my life. But I want it gone. For good."

Boy: 18 years old

"Well, not much. I'm a teen that has recognized the need for help. I've been fighting it ever since I was 13 and it has torn my life apart, but I have no money to pay. I suppose, If I were to take the course, and document the experience, I could present it to my press publication and help get the word out to other struggling teens."

Girl: 14 years old

"Because I want to stop looking at it, and I can't do it on my own- I've tried multiple times. I'm too embarrassed to talk to my parents about it. Normally, I'd be too shy to even try this. It's kind of a last resort thing- how else do you stop doing something you enjoy?"

Boy: 20 years old

"As a young man I have been trying to better myself, but for the last two years, and even before that I have never been able to make it more than fifty days. I realize trying over and over and over again is foolish, so this may be able to give me the tools I need"

Boy: 18 years old

"I am an 18 year old boy who is a senior in high school. I have been watching porn for four years, however I have only been masturbating for three years. What really scares me is that I don't think I am able to masturbate without porn in front of me, this is even more apparent in the fact that I have never been able to cum when with a girl. I need help, I watch porn almost every night and I have tried to stop in the past and I have been unable to. I understand that the first step to recovery involving any addiction is recognizing that you have an addiction and the second step is reaching out to stop the addiction, and I have accomplished both of those steps. Now I want to quite this addiction and your website is the best way for me to do this. My parents control all of money, I do not have my own bank account or anything and I would highly prefer if my parents did not know that I was involved with this organization and I hope I did . Therefor it would be ideal to not have to ask my parents for money for this organization."

Girl: 19 years old

"I have this problem for 10 yrs. now , I'm ashamed from myself ,I had several attempts before to stop but I failed , I really need help , I think it is affecting my life and my personality and relationships, I wish to have control over myself and life again and be free from pornography forever"

Boy: 17 years old

"I was in the Sons of Helaman program, but the reason I am not in it now is that neither my mom and I can afford to keep paying to be enrolled in it. I was able to complete the program but then I had visited my father in Tennessee and was exposed to soft porn and harder porn at his home and have been struggling since."

Boy: 18 years old

"I hate what I have become because of pornography and I want to change and be clean. I want to have a family and be able to love them as much as they love me. I want to put forth all my time and energy into their happiness and not be dragged down by an addiction."

Boy: 18 years old

"I have tried many times to stay away myself and I'm to the point where is affecting my relationship with my service at church and family. I feel trap where else would I have a chance like this one?"

Boy: 19 years old

"I've struggled with this addiction for about 6 years now and no matter how hard I try to stop, I can't. I really would like to stop but just can't. I'm afraid to ask for help and hopefully this program can help me."

Boy: 15 years old

"My parents don't know that I watch it and if they were to find out that I did watch it I would most likely be disowned"

Boy: 20 years old

"I've found about no pornography movement about two years ago (it was on reddit, the "no fap challenge") but I could not make it for longer than two months.

I'm interested in complex information about this subject as I believe that they may be the key to finally completely defeating bad habits.

I'm also willing to participate in cohort studies."

Girl: 13 years old

"It would be a huge privilege to be able to participate in this program. I've tried to stop for years, constantly trying a new program or something of the sort to help with my addiction. I haven't found something even close to helpful yet. Pornography is constantly on my mind. I can't wait to leave school, or any public place for that matter and go home so I can watch porn and masturbate. It's disgusting, it's embarrassing and it's wearing me down emotionally. It saps my energy and take up hours of my day. I really need to get help."

Boy: 19 years old

“Pornography has and is ruining my life physically, mentally and emotionally. I’ve tried to stop but find myself returning to the same bad habit day in and day out. It has taken away my life and made me become a completely different person. I want to get rid of this habit before I destroy myself”

Boy: 17 years old

“I have been struggling with pornography since 7th grade. I’m now a junior and have yet to make any real progress. I feel trapped constantly and everyday I go back and masturbate. I’m a church camp counselor and I want to be a pastor and I just can’t see myself leading an abundant life and as a good example for all those I lead. I’ve tried triple x church and their program hasn’t helped nor has any advice I’ve been given. I’ve found resources that say they work but I don’t have an ability to pay for them. I have already brought my parents in on this once and they showed little desire to get involved and help. I have nearly all my Christian guy friends praying for me and I pray every day constantly for strength to stop. I feel like giving up on trying so many times and I’m hoping this program will finally give me the help I need.”

Boy: 19 years old

“Over the past 5 years of my life I have been struggling with this addiction and it has nearly suffocated me with the guilt and shame that follows along with it. That shame and guilt has affected my day to day routine both in my school work and my social life. I have been in a constant battle with my identity, my spirituality, and my sexuality. Even though I have managed to cut down tremendously on the amount of porn I watch I still believe that the intensity of this addiction is great and it has taken over my life. More importantly, it has been a barrier in my connection with god. Overall, I believe I should be selected for this scholarship because the pain and struggle that I’ve endured will allow me to become a passionate advocate against this drug. I want to share the effects of pornography in my community as it is a huge problem. A problem they see no worry in. I am ready to fight, I am ready to spread the word about the newest drug.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I have struggled with this for years, but never really found anything that ended up making a significant difference until I started using some of the ideas from the Fortify book. I had heard many of these things before, but the approach that Fortify took somehow seemed to make recovery feel so much more accessible. It is my hope that I will be able to reach a solid enough recovery to go on a mission for my church soon, but I also fear becoming one of the statistics that ends up slipping back into their old ways after their mission. I want to do everything I can now to prevent that from happening.”

Boy: 19 years old

"I've struggled with pornography almost more than half my life. I'm tired of its damaging effects. It is holding me back socially, physically, and spiritually and I need help!"

Boy: 19 years old

"I've been struggling with this for years, and I tried to control it about 3 years back but failed on 3 separate attempts. I told myself after failing that it's completely normal and that everybody does it, but that didn't stop the horrid feelings I had when I did do it. I realize that I feel disgusting afterwards but I return to do it again and again. The only thing so far that keeps me doing it less frequently is running, it distracts me from it and as long as I keep up the intensity, my mind seems distracted, but it always catches me on days of rest."

Boy: 18 years old

"6 years of my life wasted. Three years for the locus. The three years that brought tears to this stone-cold face. And the three more are for the wind. The wind that robbed me of my freedom. But today I lie in chains wanting a wishing for a way out of this black abyss. Savior after savior has come and gone; only to be shot by warden before unlocking my chains. But these chains are different. These chains are far from straight. These chains that tie me down have a much different case. You see these links, they have fixed my eyes upon the men around me. In reality I live a normal straight life. But when the lights go out, and the screen comes on, my thoughts turn corrupt like a bat at dawn. Off to rock bottom! Every savior that's tried to unlock these chains has gone back empty handed as their key doesn't fit these locks. But for now, I'll lie here, upon these rocks. Gazing upwards towards the surface, wishing, wanting, and waiting, for someone to free me from these locks. So I can surface on the surface, with my head above the water and just for once in forever; breathe among the birds."

Boy: 20 years old

"I've been dealing with this addiction for quite some time, masturbating once or twice a day for 7 years. It wasn't until last summer when I was linked to a TED talk on porn that I realized this could be causing some of my abnormalities. For one, I had extreme anxiety, I was terrified of essentially any social situation. Also, I was having some sexual dysfunction. I have been trying to quit for almost a year now, with my longest stint without PMO being 3 weeks, which is marked progress from my habits before, but I still relapse from time to time, rendering me still an addict. I came across fightthenewdrug.com when researching one day and was directed to this program. I'm excited to see what this has to offer in hopes of me breaking the addiction cycle for good."

Boy: 13 years old

"I'm a really active kid in society with straight As at school. In multiple school societies such as debating, basketball, cricket and football (soccer). Won awards for participation in helping flood affected areas in Pakistan (charity work). I'm a very strong Muslim and pray 5 times a day, and masturbation and pornography is against my religion.

Every time I see a girl, the first thought is judgmental on looks. Sexual thoughts. I want this to change so bad. I've watched porn everyday on my smartphone and masturbate for the past year or so. I have to change otherwise I could become something I don't want to be. I'm really scared, and I really need this help.

This is my only way out. I literally cried tears of joy when I saw the videos on the sites. I'm on my knees asking you to help me here.

I'm so sorry I can't donate you any money. If I asked my parents they'd find out I'm a chronic masturbator and would flip. If I could, I'd give you hundreds of pounds, but I can't.

As I stated, I'm really social, and I don't want to lose friends or family to porn. It's seriously affecting my life. I lock myself in the bathroom with my phone and just sit there for half an hour. Sometimes it's more than once a day.

Please help me."

Boy: 20 years old

"I have been trying to recover from porn unsuccessfully for the past year. I have tried Reddit blogs nofap, pornfree, and yourbrainonporn.com, and anything else I can find. Porn is pervading my mind, and it's like a monster that always wants to be satisfied but never is. After masturbation my normal thoughts come back, and I feel terrible about myself, I feel like I have no morals, a huge sinner, worthless, won't ever amount to anything in this world, and just downright terrible. The rest of that day is ruined, and the only thing that can give me fleeting joy is porn and masturbation again. It's a never-ending cycle that is eating me from the inside, and the worst part is I can't do anything to stop it no matter how hard I'm trying."

Boy: 19 years old

"I should be selected for this program, because I need help. I can't fight this on my own anymore, I've been losing. I feel like this is the positivity I need to help me stand tall again. As a soldier I deal with situations that tear morality to pieces daily. I can't stand this any longer. I don't want porn to be a part of my life. There is no place for it in my relationship, and there is no place for it in my brain, it needs to go. I'm incredibly thankful that somebody out there agrees with me and is offering to help, because I can't shake this drug how I've been trying, I need some help."

Boy: 15 years old

“I should be selected for this scholarship for Fortify because of my goals. I want to free myself from pornography so that I can save my life before it spirals out of control. I want to be able to feel safe near my family and friends. I also wish to help others when I am freed. I am John Schupbach, and this is why I wish to have this scholarship. I want to get rid of this addiction for my self. I am a good student, and I don't want to ruin my life by not getting in to a good college because was not keeping up with my assignments because I was watching pornography. I also wish to pursue a relationship, and I do not want a pornographic addiction getting in the way. I also like to be in good moods, but when I watch porn, I feel so much regret and shame. I wish that you will accept my application so that I save myself from a death trap of empty pictures, videos, and empty dreams. I wish for free access to Fortify to also free others from the shackles of pornography. I have no plans of enjoying freedom alone. When I get rid of my addiction, I want to help other people. I love to others, and I wish to person that anyone can come to when they need help with my same problem. I don't like to keep happy things to myself, and so when I am free, I want to help others. I wish for free access to Fortify because of those I love. I say this because I once had to lie to my own mother one night while I was watching pornography. I hated that, and wished that I didn't have to do that to the person who raised up so well. One time before that, my sister came into to my room when I was watching a video, and I jumped. She asked me if I was all right or hiding something. I was so scared, and so I lied to her to keep my addiction a secret. I don't want to lie to the people who love me, and so I ask once again for the acceptance of your scholarship. My addiction has left its scares in me, and I don't want it to leave anymore. I don't want my desire for hollow pleasures consume my life or future. I don't want my addiction to come out of me, and affect the lives of my friends, family, and people I love. However, I do want to help those who a chained up like me, and free them. Thank you for your consideration, and I hope to be accepted for this scholarship.”

Boy: 20 years old

“I have been fighting the fight for a period of time now. Even though, I have been trying to overcome within the past few years, it is still a constant struggle and something that has a hold on my life. After reading the facts about pornography on this sight, It has opened my eyes, and built up my confidence to be done so that I can help others overcome, and share my story.”

Girl: 18 years old

“I find myself searching for free porn online every single time I am on my laptop, and I am a college student who is constantly on her laptop. It is getting out of hand, I just finished watching porn right before I looked up how porn can affect the brain and ran into fight the new drug. It has gotten to the point where my head is constantly hurting, it is painful and stressing. I can't concentrate, it has become impossible for me to focus correctly. I don't find pleasure in watching videos anymore, I just watch them to keep me from thinking about porn.”

Boy: 18 Years old

"I feel that I should be selected for a scholarship because I want to feel free again. I fear that pornography is something that I can't get away from, but this is the opportunity that I know I need to take. I don't quite know what length this should be, but to wrap it up, porn is becoming painful, and I need to end it once and never go back."

Boy: 18 years old

"As you said, pornography is an addiction, I'm addicted to it. I play sports (tennis, basketball) and I go to the gym. So watching pornography affects my brain and my health in doing things I love but I'm addicted so I can't stop even when I promise myself. And I literally hate pornography. I just need some help because I need to get freed of these chains and live my life instead of sitting there watching pornography all the time."

Boy: 19 years old

"Because I am really obsessed with pornography. Even though I am aware of its harmful effects, I am not able to stop it. I would always want to have a beautiful future life. I really want to stop it and I want be free of its addiction. I am sure ,with pornography addiction I will not have a successful married life....If i am able to stop its addiction by means of your fortify project, it would be really thankful."

Boy: 19 years old

"I have been struggling and fighting pornography for almost 8 years, I am currently in the military, and still struggle a lot."

Girl: 15 years old

"I'm really struggling right now. I can go a few days and then I relapse and I masturbate to porn and I've told my best friend and she tries to help me but it's not working and I don't know how to stop and I'm scared. I cry myself to sleep a lot because I want to stop and need help"

Girl: 15 years old

"I've been struggling with a porn addiction since 4th grade. In 6th grade I started masturbating, and now I'm still addicted. I've told my best friend and she is trying to help but it's not working. I try so hard to stop but I always relapse after a few days or a week. I cry myself to sleep because I'm scared and want to stop. I need help. Please help me."

Boy: 19 years old

"I've been trying, since the first time, to stop and just leave it behind and quite honestly am quite ashamed that I can't just will myself through it as I have pushed off other sins in my life out. But I've gotten to over a month with out it, and some how it came back, a pop up I think, I'm not entirely sure."

Boy: 20 Years old

"I have been addicted to this shit for very long I have tried different things but I do not know how to stop . I stop for a week but then starts again and I am really tired of it I want a free life. your help will actually be really appreciated as I am an engineering student and I need my brain to be working at its best at all times thanks"

Girl: 16 years old

"I have tried multiple times to stop watching porn on my own for years. I can't do it on my own. It all started with a certain fetish and then spiraled out of control. I really want to start breaking my bad habits and this seemed like a good place to start"

Boy: 19 years old

"I've been addicted for a long time, I am pursuing to help free others. As this has continually been the biggest struggle in my life. I am committed to change, and am held accountable by some buddies. I am sick of this shift and how it is killing my future and view of women."

Boy: 18 years old

"In my life, I always remember my self hating bad things and I wanted I life of freedom.

When I was first introduced to pornography by some school (friends) at the age of 12, I couldn't resist, it was more powerful than I was.

Of course, it was the big secret of main. I couldn't tell anyone because, I was afraid.

Now, I am 18 years old and all these years that are past away, I regret about pornography.

This is the first program that I found to be so educational and helpful.

This time of my life, I want to let go of this addiction. Thank you!"

Boy: 19 years old

Porn has ruined my life.

"I failed my first year at med school (it's a scholarship by the way).

Pain and sorrow is what I wake up to everyday.

I almost fail when making any decision.

I cant even decide what flavor or kind of snacks I want. Standing in front of the vending machine without concentration at all is what I do. Even after I finally pick something, I keep questioning myself while eating: "why did I pick this? I should've picked the other one?"

Even though I know the answer, I cant decide whether to choose a or b and I keep wasting my time like that even after I finish the exam. And once the results come up, I keep blaming myself. I spend the vast majority of time staring at anything while my mind is in a completely different place. An empty body without any traces of soul is how I look like. Cant concentrate while studying and easily get distracted. I get easily attached to any female I get in contact with and it's too hard to forget her. Fantasies keep filling my mind. They aren't dirty fantasies, but they burn me as I cant seem to get them out of my mind. I always end up doing the same mistakes again and again without learning a single bit. I am still at the first year of med school and I am afraid of failing again . I tried to commit suicide many times but I am just too coward to even do that. I suck at everything . I cant even play a simple video game. I cant get friends and even when I do I am not attractive or funny so they fade away. I spend the cast majority of my time at home and hate socializing . I cant start a conversation even with my family members. I cried out for help many times and wanted to get rid of this horrible habit as it ruins my life, consumes my time leaving nothing for important activates as studying and hobbies and it is dragging directly into the Hell. But every time I did , it was either some fake website or a person who is asking for too much money in order to help. How in the world would these people call it help when they are making a trade out of it. I cant afford money at all even though I used to work in the past after my father passed away but I had to quit in order to get the grades that qualified me for the med school scholarship.

Plz help me. I beg you. I cant keep living like this. Porn is consuming me. And I have no money to pay you. But I swear to god, if I get accepted and became free of this horrible habit, I swear that I will keep supporting you once I graduate and get a job.

I will owe you until the end of my life, and I would keep funding and sponsoring other teens to set them free.

Plz help me. You are my last hope. I am too tired of this disgusting life."

Boy: 18 years old

"I've tried several times before to do this, and I always go back and relapse and binge on porn. I'm consuming all types of porn(videos, stories, images...) it's changing me now and I'm doing things I've never imagined myself I'd ever do."

Boy: 19 years old

"I have been trying to fight my pornography addiction ever since I stumbled upon reddit blogs nofap and pornfree while actually looking for porn on Reddit about a year or two ago. I really didn't believe it's an addiction until I started reading all of the ninety-day reports from all of the fapstronauts on Reddit, at which point I saw myself as the person they were talking about in the beginning. I tested myself by trying to not watch porn for two days and failed. I have always been failing to the point that sometimes it just gets so hard and I feel like I have no control over my addiction and finally relapse. Once I relapse it's all downhill from there, I feel terrible for breaking my streak, and then I turn to the only thing I know to feel better and that is porn and masturbation. It's a never-ending cycle, with a monster that always wants to be fed and is never satisfied, but I keep on thinking it will be satisfied the next time. Porn is damaging me and is negatively shaping the world I see around me, it makes me see every single scenario in a very dirty way, and then I hate myself for it. I spend countless hours just browsing for the next hit, and then feel terrible once I've gotten it. I've stopped being attracted to women in real life. I'm tired of porn ruining my life, and I'm adamant to put an end to it forever."

Boy: 20 years old

"I have struggled with porn addiction with quite some time. A couple years ago I realized it was a problem and ever since then have tried numerous times to quit. I've made it a couple days, maybe a week, but recently it has been different. Two months may not sound like much, but it is unquestionably the longest I have gone without looking at porn. Sometimes it is difficult to do what you want for yourself, but if you have someone else; it can make all the difference. Things still have not been easy. I find temptations all around me. I see it like this: I have found a ladder out of a pit, but in my hand there is knife. Each step I take up the ladder the knife comes close to the supporting rope. I fear that this, my best chance so far of escaping, will be cut by my own hand and I will once again fall to the pit's depths. I understand that the knife won't go away and that I will always have it in my hand but I want to make the rope stronger. So that if I manage to nick it, it can still hold my weight. That if it slips, I won't fall. That is what I hope to get from the Fortify Program."

Girl: 15 years old

"I would love to get help, I am struggling a lot with porn and would love to break out of that addiction that is ruining my relationship with my parents and church and god. I don't know how else to get help than from this. I feel like this would be a good program for me because I won't have to embarrass my self and lie to other people."

Boy: 19 years old

"I have been struggling with my pornography/masturbation addiction for a long time. I try as hard as I can to stop but I keep going to it almost every time I'm home alone. I don't want this addiction in my life, I worry about it's effects on my future relationships and my relationship with my future life. I am trying to live a pure lifestyle and follow Christ, but this addiction is a major roadblock and I can't get through it on my own."

Girl: 19 years old

"I've struggled with my perceptions of sex and relationships ever since I was a child. Almost eleven years later, I've drastically reduced the frequency of unwanted behaviors, but I still feel a lot of shame--even for things I did years ago. As a girl--especially as a Mormon girl, I was subtly taught that pornography was a "guy's only problem", which made me feel like a freak. People tend to pass harsh judgments against girls who struggle with pornography or masturbation (i.e. the derogatory terms for females who indulge in sexual behaviors). I would really like to get some private help without facing public shame."

Boy: 19 years old

"I've been hiding behind pornography all my life and I really want to live my life to the fullest now. I'm 19 years old and if I keep living my life like this I will always feel like something is missing in my life. there are probably a lot of people that are in a worse situation than mine but I will always be grateful to you if you will give me the occasion to build something out of my life."

Girl: 19 years old

"I've struggled with this addiction for many years. I've tried breaking it on my own multiple times but that's only ended in either complete failure or periods of time away but then a relapse a couple weeks or months later. In the last couple of months I've finally admitted my struggles to a couple close friends who are now supporting me. With Fortify and my friends to support me, I would like to break this awful addiction that is not satisfying and is hurting my relational skills and relationships with others."

Girl 20 years old

"I've struggled with pornography since I was in middle school. I struggled all through high school and now it's gripping me tighter as a begin my college career and am met with new challenges and stress. I watch porn in order to feel good about myself. Pornography makes me feel good in the moment. When I'm not watching porn, I think about how disgusting I feel for watching porn. It really tears my confidence and self-esteem apart. As a college student, I am searching for job opportunities, internships, etc. I need to be confident in myself and my abilities in order to land these opportunities in life. I am also a psychology major. I cannot expect future clients to trust me and let me help them if I can't help myself. This addiction will carry over into every aspect of my life if I don't stop it now. I refuse to let it ruin my future."

Boy: 15 years old

"I am a 15 year old, teenager, that is suffering from hair loss, because of over excessive masturbating. When I think I am losing hair at this age, I lose my confidence around the people my age. Hair loss really hits me from inside. Pornography and masturbation are two major parts of my life that are letting me down, they are also a sin in my religion. I've tried and tried and still trying clear these things out of my life. I want to stop, because if I don't, then maybe I'll bold before I even knew it."

Boy: 17 years old

"I believe I should be accepted for a free access to the fortify program because I have been suffering from it for the past 6 years, it has ruined my times over time, occasionally I even cry as I fall helpless to my addiction. on several occasions I have tried to stop but just to fail. one day while finding a solution to my problem found this website. the reason I have chosen this one is the all my money is provided to me by parents and they have full control over what I buy, which is why I wouldn't be able to pay if it was for money. so I beg to provide a free scholarship"

Boy: 15 years old

"I've been watching porn since I was a kid, I feel like it has been affecting me physically. I feel I have turned into this black twisted person, who sees himself above all and nothing is good enough for me. I have started masturbating on my MOTHER, SISTERS, and FRIENDS AND FAMILY non-stop.. I sometimes would want to engage in sexual intercourse with my sisters or mom. Note; I am only 14 and I make the devil sick of sin."

Boy: 19 years old

"I never thought I would get addicted to porn, and never believed it even though the facts were right in front of me. I watch it any time im free or have nothing to do and I look at woman in a down grading manner. I want to stop all of it and not be a slave to porn and get my self and my life back on track"

Boy: 16 years old

"Because pornography has ruined my social life. Never went to the girl, and I even almost fell into homosexuality. I masturbate 3-4 times a day, and began to at 8 years. I took conscience this carnage there one year, but I failed in my abstinence. At or I ence you message, I retained my seed for 2 weeks. Can you help a 16-year-old destitute, who is ready to change his life?"

Girl: 18 years old

"I really want to have control over my life. I want to have the confidence of not feeling guilty all the time. I don't want to be a disappointment to my mom and dad. And I know that I can change, and that's why I really need your help."

Boy: 18 years old

“Dear Fortify,

I was introduced to pornography by my classmates at a young age. Living a life sheltered in regards to sex. I was introduced to it at a time when I did not even know what it was.

Since then It has developed into an aspect of my life which impacts all other facets of my life. I have tried to stop, however I am always drawn back in for a variety of different feelings (I don't no why I am defending myself).

Perhaps the main motivating factor behind my search for help is the effect that porn has had on my own life. My interactions in school and my community.

It is the fear to approach my parents which is why I feel that I should be selected for the scholarship. As the inability to engage in financial transactions online with out my parents consent, would make it impossible for me to enter into the program.”

Boy: 19 years old

“Because I don't want to be addicted to this misery anymore. It has completely distorted my view on women, and the human body in general, and I feel like I am slowly gravitating towards more extreme stuff that originally were repulsive. I have tried many times to quit on my own, but man, it's tough, really. I love the Fight The New Drug Organization, I used your information for a school project once and I immediately showed it to my brother when he told me one day that his friends had shown him porn, because I don't want anyone develop a porn addiction, it's horrible.”

Girls: 15 years old

“I should be selected for a scholarship because I want to stop the habit more than anything else in my life and because I want to get married and not raise children that would follow my footsteps.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I know my problem isn't as severe as some other people are, but I know I need help. I have been watching porn since I was 13 or 14 at the same rate for years. No matter how hard I have tried to give it up by myself, I always eventually fail. Usually about three times a week I feel this urge to go and watch porn and masturbate. And every time I give in. No matter how often I tell myself this is my last time. I recently discovered that My father suffered from this addiction as well and it tore our family apart. I don't want to do that to my future family. I need help. Please.”

Boy: 15 years old

"I have been struggling with pornography addiction since I was ten. In the process I have lost many opportunities for me to grow. I want to beat pornography because I know it hinders me from becoming the person I desire to be, and in the process of beating pornography I will be able to gain courage in myself by beating an addiction and thus number in the ranks of people who have done so. The story of how I beat pornography will not go unheard and I will then utilize my story to inspire others who are facing the same problem I am and possibly guide them to beat pornography, thus me giving back to people. I deserve to be selected because by being selected, I will allow myself to grow and be confident in myself and become something unprecedented and allow others to beat their addiction and become whoever they want to be too through me providing inspiration to them and guiding them through experience."

Boy: 18 years old

"Because I've been addicted since I was 13 and I need to stop. I've wasted easily over 500 hours viewing pornography. I'm a junior in high school and I know that I could be doing better. And I know why that I'm not getting as good grades as I should be and that is because of pornography. I want my life back. I want my depression to go away. My addiction has been off and on since 13. And I want to live a happier life without the pornography"

Boy: 19 years old

"I have been suffering with this addiction for 6 years. I can't seem to shake it. All I want is for it to go away. I'm willing to do anything at this point. I really need this help."

Boy: 19 years old

"Pornography has changed my life. It makes me feel anxious when I meet new people, especially woman. Sometimes I feel like no people cares about me. Pornography has ruin my social life"

Boy: 15 years old

"I believe that pornography and women in general has destroyed my life. I used to be an intelligent person until I started to watch porn. I now start to forget many things which I attribute to pornography. I also find it so counter-productive that it can ruin my emotional and religious attachment to God, which ultimately turns my life into a whirlwind."

Boy: 19 years old

"Because I want to stop objectifying women and have a relationship. Porn has already begun to rewire my brain. I am beginning to despair and think that this problem is not correctable. I'd want more than anything to be free from this addiction."

Boy: 20 Years old

“Hello Fortify,

My name is Caleb Gorham. This is probably the first time I've openly admitted this but I cant stop watching pornography and masturbating. I am a college student and study graphic design. My father is a pastor and of course my mother is the first lady of the church. I haven't told them of my addiction to pornography and masturbation. I, in the near future (2-3 years), am interested in finding a woman, getting married, starting my own ministry with the youth, and having a family. I do not want pornography to ruin those visions for my life. I want to be free of this bitter-sweet addiction. I want to be able to walk that isle and look at my wife knowing I am free from something that could potentially destroy our marriage. I want to be able to tell my sons how to steer free of pornography and be there for them if they need help in this area. Most of all, I want to be free. I want to be able to draw at my desk with out having to take masturbation breaks JUST to focus on what I'm doing. I want control over my life, where I run the show and not this destructive hunger.”

Boy: 20 years old

“Well I'm sure you have heard a lot already from different people struggling with the same thing. I have been an addict since the age of 11 and I'm almost 21, and my family is not the wealthiest around. I do not want them to know of this issue and it would be greatly appreciated if I was selected because I have tried and tried to get over my addiction and I just can't. You guys are my only hope. So please consider me for the scholarship.”

Girl: 18 years old

“I need to be accepted into this program because I have really screwed up my life with my pornography use. I'm looking for something that will help me get back on track. I am still in high school and need a way to be able to move forward in life and be successful. I have tried quitting by myself but it's never complete. I need something outside of myself to help me get my life back on the right track.”

Girl: 20 years old

"I am currently a university student in New Zealand and live in a city far smaller than most around the world. I have been obsessed with sexual arousal since I was 14 years old. Very proudly I have not had sexual intercourse and want to wait until I am married. I believe that sex is supposed to be an action of love and that is what I want it to be for me. I have wanted to be in relationships with boys but feel that I would be disrespectful by continuing my current behavior. I have noticed that it has impeded on the way I look at men. I want to be a woman who is actually pure and free from the drug of pornography. I want to be realistic in my expectations of sex, be in a honest relationship and I feel at the moment I can not have that. I should be selected for the scholarship because I believe there is very little support for women who are caught up in this drug as opposed to men. It is something that is never discussed with women. In New Zealand I have very little access to support groups in relation to this issue. I am an outspoken and confident person and once I have dealt with this issue I feel I would be a campaigner against the dangers of pornography. Please help me. Thank you."

Girl: 19 years old

"Because everyone tells me that pornography addictions are "guys problems". There is not a lot of support out there for me. I'm tired of being dependent on such a awful thing. I just want to be free. I want to feel good about myself and the choices I make."

Boy: 19 years old

"I would like to be selected for this program because I feel that I have a lot to get out of it and I am determined to follow it through with determination to achieve my goal. I have been suffering from pornography addiction for almost 6 years now and despite repeated efforts have found it hard to quit without any external support or professional advice. I believe this program could be the solution for me and help me achieve the life changing results that I am determined to see as soon as possible."

Girl: 20 years old

"I have been battling with this addiction for the past 3 years. I fall into the small category of women using pornography. I have tried to shake this addiction on my own and I have continuously been unsuccessful. I am tired of doing something that disgusts me so much and I need help to move on."

Boy: 17 years old

"I have struggled with an addiction to pornography from an early age, and still struggle with it to this day. I want to get away from it desperately, but always find myself returning to something that I know is wrong and detrimental to both myself and others. The Fortify Program is the first real chance I've had to escape the cycle of addiction and turn to something better."

Girl 13 Years old

"I want my life to be back on track again. Pornography has ruined my life, and it keeps getting worse by the day. I want to learn how to be free from this addiction and I know that Fortify can help me, I cant go through this by myself. I am only a thirteen year old girl."

Boy: 18 years old

"I've been struggling with an addiction for over 4 years, it seems like so long but it feels like it only started yesterday, but I have not been able to stop. I have been successful for periods of up to 3 months at most but have so far always eventually gone back. I think I should be considered for a scholarship because I want to one day be able to look into the eyes of the woman I love and say I love you and nothing is more important than you, and mean it 100%."

Boy: 19 years old

"obviously im a porn addict, that's why im herein want to break this habit and recover from this addicton, so what ever the program that offers me to become normal person I will try it surely."

Boy: 19 years old

"I have been addicted to porn since I was 10 years old. I have been struggling with it for 8 years. It has almost destroyed my life several times. I have almost been kicked out of my house, arrested, etc. But I still would turn back to porn. My addiction has destroyed my relationship with the women in my life. I am dedicated this time to quitting for forever. I am seeing counseling for my addiction. I am also getting religious help and family help. But I know I need the fortify program to lock my addiction down. I have heard great things about fortify and I know that I can do very well with this program. Thank you sincerely for your consideration."

Boy: 16 years old

"I have been fighting this addiction for much of my teen life and it has detracted from the time that I could invest in my schooling or spending time with friends and family. You can't imagine how many relationships have been harmed by this addiction and the extent to which my perception of the opposite gender has changed. I am slowly seeing women as nothing more than objects and my religion completely opposes that as do my basic morals and values. Almost EVERY SINGLE aspect of my life has been affected by this addiction. I desperately NEED THIS. I have been struggling with unimaginable hardships and every time I make any inch of progress I fall back significantly and do what I used to do and more. This is like my last hope so please help me. PLEASE HELP ME, I'm not doing this for the heck of it, you have to understand the wretchedness I'm living in. It's like nothing matters anymore but my addiction. If I can defeat this, I can open a new chapter in my life with a clear view of what my life really means and what I'm capable of doing other than sitting in front of my computer screen humiliating myself. Please please please please please help me. :("

Boy: 17 years old

"I need the help and in my dad got caught up in pornography and had an affair on my mom and I don't want to make the same mistakes he did. I also want to in the future work with young adults and I want to be able to beat my addiction so I can personally tell the youth I work with that I struggled through and overcame some of the struggles they are going through."

Boy: 14 years old

"I have not be able to sleep with out porn. It has change my mood and how I act around others. I have not be able to see thing without images of porn coming to me."

Girl: 16 years old

"I am just a girl and I have recently become aware of how bad my addiction to pornography is, it has become increasingly difficult to stop especially since I have started pursuing freedom from an eating disorder and self-harm. While I have seen great growth in that my addiction to pornography has deepened and I want to fight it and overcome it."

Boy: 17 years old

"I have been struggling for almost 5 years with porn. About a year ago I started meeting with an accountability partner about this. I think that this would be a good next step in getting away from porn, but in turn getting closer to God. That is my end goal and anything that will help me change my behavior to make that easier is a good thing. I want to be done with this and I really want to be rid of it."

Boy: 17 years old

"I have been trying for years to get out. I have gone to counseling and they haven't helped me break free. I want to be free of this so badly. I do really good for so long then fall and beat myself up. I am so tired of the same thing happening over and over. I just want out. I want help."

Girl: 17 years old

"I would like to be selected because I'm sick of pornography taking over my life. It's made me a different person. It's changed my thinking my behavior my anger levels and I can't stop. I'm sick of feeling guilty and ashamed of myself. I am ready to win the ongoing battle I have had with pornography and become the person I was before it took hold of my life."

Boy: 16 years old

"I have wanted to stop this addiction for a VERY long time, but I find it very difficult to do so. I think of myself as very introverted and stay in my room a lot which leads to continued relapsing back even though I don't want to. I believe that by stopping this habit at a young age will help me become a more confident and outgoing person and will help me to become more social solving many potential problems that may occur if I fail. Finally I really believe the fortify program can help me to stop this addiction."

Boy: 20 years old

"I'm just a 20 year old guy who has a problem. Truth be told. It's not a big problem. I'm sure there are people out there who have got it worse than me. But just the same I want this out of my life. It's not healthy and it's not real. Get the porn out. And the love in."

Girl: 19 years old

"I just don't want this to be a part of my life anymore. I think about it more than I want to and every time I try to stop I find myself doing it more. I just don't like where it's taking me and I want to live a life where I don't have to think about it and what it's doing to me."

Girl: 20 years old

"I'm 20 yrs. old and I'm married. My husband satisfies me and makes me happy yet I still feel the need to look at porn to satisfy a different hunger in my body. It makes me unhappy with myself and like I'm lying to my husband and doing things behind his back. It's a strain on not only me but my family and my future. I don't know what else to do."

Girl: 19 years old

"I've been struggling with this for years and no matter how hard I try, I can't seem to shake it. I sometimes feel like I am the only female to go through this pornography and masturbation problem and honestly I'm tired. I don't want to spend another day stuck in this cycle. I feel like God has things planned for me, but I can't reach them because of the sins I am constantly committing. Hopefully this program will work, because I don't really know what to try anymore"

Boy: 14 years old

"I have been watching porn for a long time, and I hate being addicted !! I have wondered in the past time why I am so depressed, and I think it is the porn. One week ago, I got a girlfriend, I want a healthy relationship. I have stopped watching porn, but I'm afraid if I go with the pressure, and start again."

Boy: 17 years old

"I've been watching pornography for up to 5 years, and it has detrimental effects on my life. I've always wanted to stop and I tried a million times but it never worked. and I never understood why I can't stop, I thought I can stop whenever I want to, and that I can control it , but I always relapse and my pornography addiction remains uncontrollable. I just need something to stop it. This program looks so real and that it based on scientific experiments and its my only hope. Please help me recover and get back to my normal life.."

Girl: 16 years old

"For my 11 birthday, my parents bought me a smartphone. I was so excited. I never expected it to be the gateway to my porn addiction. It all happened so quickly. I was consumed with always wanting to look at more, more, more until I could get my fix. I isolated myself because I was ashamed. Porn was an escape for me. I used it to distract myself whenever I felt down. When my addiction began, I was living with my father. He is a hoarder and has bipolar disorder, so growing up in that tense and lonely environment, porn was available and free to make me forget. It promised to "make me feel better." It's a lie though. Pornography has made it's prisoner. I disgust myself, and I can't explain how many times I've gotten down on my knees saying I'll never do it again. But for every time I say I won't, it sneaks back into my life again. It's become extremely compulsive. I don't know who to ask for help, so I thought this program would help me. I know I need help, I've just been too afraid to ask anyone for any. I want to change. I don't want to be lost anymore. I don't want to hate myself anymore. I wish I had back all the time I've wasted watching porn. I don't want to be trapped in this cycle anymore. I'm so tired of hiding. Thank you for helping teens like me. God bless you."

Girl: 16 years old

"In my life, I've always tried to succeed in school, socially, etc. Personally, I absolutely hate pornography. I've tried so hard to quit watching it, to resist, but I always find myself ending up watching an awful video on my phone. Watching pornography isn't me. It isn't who I am, and I don't want to be apart of it anymore. I was raised up with great values from my family, and I fell back into a bad situation and I need to get back to where I was. I still feel like I'm a good person, and I need help. I know I have an addiction and I don't want to have it anymore. This program will help me, if given the chance. I'm done being in a bad place, and I want to get to a better one, and I feel this program will get me there."

Boy: 18 years old

“Basically porn has had a detrimental effect on my life. I always seem to beat it but it creeps up in holidays and exam times, this leads me to becoming side tracked and not reaching my full potential. I withdraw myself from friends and family and shy away from everyone. I act as if it is fine when it truth to me it is not, no one knows what I do when I am away from them but generally my actions can lead to frustration towards me for making stupid decisions for my own selfish gains. At the end of all this I end up with a low morale.”

Boy: 20 years old

“I have been addicted for years. Porn is like a cancer in my life, and every time I think I am over the addiction, It always comes back with a vengeance. I am now married, and need to kick the habit so that I can love my wife properly, and no longer sin against God.”

Boy: 16 years old

“I have struggled with pornography for quite some time now. I struggle everyday to not masturbate and most of the time I fail because I have no one looking out for me because no one knows about it. This is going to be the first time I am fully committed to getting better. I feel that with my kind of personality a program is essential for my success of getting over my addiction. I feel that if I reach out to this program than I will be able to then reach out to my family for help. I hate porn but it is just so addictive it feels impossible to get away from it.”

Boy: 20 years old

“I've been dealing with this addiction since I was small and my dad still does and I've noticed my attitude innocence and ability to love has been skewed because of this addiction I want to be free and actually free I don't want my future children to deal with this I want to be able to fully help people over come this because I was able to do it too. I want to experience real love again not this fake temporary sickness it's causing a chemical imbalance in me I'm lashing out have a shorter fuse with people I love and am only causing more pain cuz I'm hurt I need help I believe in this program to help me finally be done”

Boy: 14 years old

“In my personal experience pornography feels great. But only for a few minutes. I hate porn. It makes me feel terrible after I use it. I need help because I know my loved ones won't be understanding. It is also leading me away from my religion and I need to go back. Pornography also changes the way I view female friends now too. It really sucks.”

Boy: 18 years old

“Like practically 90% of teenage guys, I’m addicted to porn. The problem I have with that is that every conviction I hold goes against it, and I’ve been unable to stop. It killed the only dating relationship I had, and she was one of the only girls whose heart attracted me even more than her beauty. I need to be free from porn and its lies and its wreckage.”

Boy: 16 years old

“I have struggled with this addiction for nearly five years now, and I simply lack the support to keep myself motivated to quit on my own. I’ve quit for a month or two at the longest, but I always break. I know I need help.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I’ve been fighting against pornography for 5 years now. My problem was more severe at first, went more dormant for a year or two, and then returned within the last year. I would like nothing more than to see my life 100% free from the temptations and thoughts of pornography. Maybe 100% is impossible, I don’t know. If it is, then I’ll only settle for 99.9% free. I’ve learned a lot about strength, perseverance, and dedication from my struggle with pornography. But the future I picture for myself is one of happiness and true love. I owe my integrity to my future wife and kids. I also owe it to myself to make the changes in myself that I want to see. For 5 years, I’ve tried to do this on my own, but my problem has never truly gone away. I think that Fortify can help to steer me in the right direction and motivate me to the end.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I have struggled with pornography for a long time, and it has also been a big problem for my Dad. I have seen the devastating effects that happen to a family when pornography is viewed long-term, and I want to break that chain in my family in order to have a happier life for my family. Over the past couple years my viewing has increased, and it’s becoming harder and harder to stay away. I want to be done with feeling depressed and guilty for viewing pornography, and I think that the Fortify program is the best way to be rid of my addiction.”

Boy: 20 years old

“I have been struggling with pornography off and on since I was around the age of 13. I got off it for a while and it was the best feeling ever but a year or so later fell back in and harder. I got out again but in even less time fell back in and yet again even deeper. I am not digging myself out slowly, it’s more of a week by week thing now. One week good, then I fall, and the process repeats. I am dating a lovely girl and looking to get married here within a year and have enormous fears of what my past and/or future with porn may do to this relationship.”

Boy: 14 years old

I want help. I want it to end. I want a place to record without my family seeing it. I want to be able to go to school and not have pornography on my mind.

Boy: 18 years old

"I have been struggling with this issue for a long time. It is wrecking my life- everything that I have worked to build, I am destroying it myself. I am so confused and so tired of this. I can't stop watching it and masturbating. I really want to change. I want to be a better person. I want to help others be a better person- and I need to change myself first."

Girl: 20 years old

I'd like to get myself right and undo all the stuff I've done to myself and the people around me. I fear I may have passed on a habit and would like to make things right. Relapse is too easy and its not the person I want to be going forward. I value real love and it scares me that I may have messed that up for me and my future partner.

Boy: 17 years old

Where I am from in Alaska, I am one of few independent individuals who suffers from a pornography addiction. Furthermore, the culture and values that is truly dear to my people directly objects to those portrayed and represented within pornography. Sine, my addiction and my culturally engrained morals are in conflict, I am truly at a loss with where I stand as a person.

Boy: 19 years old

I've been struggling for a long time. I know it's an addiction because I've tried stopping many multiple times and start to feel insanely agitated and anxious when I go for a long time without pornography. Because of my religious background I can't go to anyone about it, it would create too large of an issue with my family and friends and it would be too humiliating. I first started back when I was 13 and I'm now 19. Sometimes I can't get through a single day without searching for a video 3-4 times. I don't have the money to pay for any kind of other online program so I'm guessing this is the best chance I've got. Hopefully that's enough information to give me the program for free.

Girl: 19 years old

I think pornography has taken my life. Not only that, I've tried many ways to change but I keep going back. It's like I'm in a cage and I need to be free from this cage. I need help and I don't have the finance to free myself. Many sites offer help but I need to pay. This literally means the world to me. You don't understand.

Girl: 17 years old

Pornography and masturbation addiction has ruined my life. I started watching porn and masturbating when I was 8 years old. At first, I felt a little guilty but it felt so good so I kept doing it until I became so addicted that I would do it every single day, multiple times in a day, and sometimes up to the point that I would get sore and hurt myself whilst masturbating. This carried on for a few years but I had no desire to stop because there was nothing in my life that was that important as I was still young. But at the age of 14, my school work started getting really important as I was getting to a point where I had important GCSE exams coming up which would determine my future and career. These exams were so important to me but porn and masturbation was getting in the way of me revising and working. And I would feel so guilty about doing it that I would constantly rebuke myself for it and hurt myself because I felt useless and worthless. And then at the age of 15, I slowly started getting conscious about God and religion and my purpose in this life. After a few months of researching and learning about my religion (Islam), I started practicing and praying. And I tried really hard to be the best Muslim I could. And ever since then I've been really practicing and my religion and my belief in God has become the purpose of my existence. And obviously pornography and masturbation is strictly prohibited in my religion so I have been trying to stop for the past two years. But I am still not able to stop after trying everything I possibly can. And it has come to a point where I feel suicidal and depressed because of my porn and masturbation addiction. It has made me have false expectations of love and sex and it has made me so insecure and self-conscious about what I look like and what my body looks like. It has given me a twisted and disgusting mind, everything turns me on. It's gotten to a point where I can't even stop myself from watching porn and masturbating when I'm in school. I sometimes go in the toilets at school and watch it and masturbate. It's the only thing that's on my mind and it's ruining me and my life and everything around me. It is getting in the way of my relationship with God and my relationship with my family and friends. And it is having an extremely negative effect on my education and school work. I feel like I will never be able to stop, I feel like death will be the only thing that will stop this. And I don't know what to do anymore. I have no one to talk to about this, I can't ask anyone for help. I watched a YouTube video about the harmful effects of pornography and found a link to this website. I am hoping that this programme can provide help for me and help me to stop this horrible addiction. Please help me.

Girl: 18 years old

"I feel like I should be selected because I have been suffering for about 10 years now. I've tried different things to make it through that obviously haven't worked. I almost made it a year without viewing it and slipped up two days before. I just want to live my life without this holding me back from a lot of extremely important things."

Boy: 14 years old

“I feel like it is slowly dragging me in. I am not 100 percent addicted, but I feel like I'm getting there. Every day, I make the choice, and if I fail, I feel terrible, sometimes to the point of sadness and crying myself to sleep.”

Boy: 20 years old

“I have been struggling with pornography addiction for ten years now. I feel drained, hopeless. I have tried everything for getting out of this cycle, but never manage to break it and get it out of my life. I need help, desperately. I beg you, please help me. I am even getting bold from so much masturbation... I have not stopped masturbating daily for the last 8 or 9 years. So, I come to you as my last hope before I end up being a sexual lunatic. I am a good person, but I can not become my best version, reach my full potential with this shit slowing me down and depressing me, taking hours of sleep from me. Please help me. Please...”

Girl: 19 years old

“Pornography has always been a coping mechanism for me. I first saw it when I was twelve and it has always been something I turn to whenever I have been feeling down. The last few months, my addiction to pornography has hit a peak. I have been feeling more down than usual and I find myself compulsively visiting porn websites when I'm on my phone or my computer. Recently my use of pornography has led to masturbation. I can't sleep without giving myself an orgasm beforehand.”

Boy: 20 years old

“Pornography has affected so many aspects of my life. My schoolwork and social life has become less of a priority. The portrayal of men in pornography has also led me to distrust them in real life. I've talked to some friends about this and they have been really supportive but I'm confused as to how I'm supposed to let them help me or how to get some self-discipline. I'm in a tough spot and I know I won't be able to get out without breaking free of my dependency to pornography.”

Boy: 20 years old

“I failed most of my classes this semester. I cant do this alone I have tried and tried but the habit will not break. there is no one else but you guys that actually help with this issue. I work and go to college so money is really hard to come by. please help and thanks for the opportunity”

Boy: 15 years old

"I think I deserve to be given this opportunity because I've been struggling a lot lately with this addiction. I've tried many means of putting an end to this, although with all my heart and willpower, I end up failing. I consider myself as a pious person but this addiction is leading me astray. I believe that only God can help me stop this addiction of pornography, and I strongly believe that He led me here to this program.

No one knows of my addiction, not my friends, not even my family. I'm trapped in a world where I feel isolated and all alone with this devil inside that's telling me that I'm too weak, too fragile to put an end to this addiction.

I'm sure you heard this a thousand times, but I can't afford to spend on myself at this time of my life. I have no personal cards that I can pay online and I can't afford my parents finding that I'm a drug addict. I don't want to disappoint them and my friends.

Please help. thank you"

Boy: 16 years old

"Pornography has destroyed my life and I have tried numerous times to get away from it. It is such a strong addiction and it has come to the point where I do it unwillingly.

Pornography is prohibited in my religion and I want to get away from it. It is just so unfortunate that I got hooked onto it at such a young age and now I am finding it very difficult to stop watching it.

My life was ruined because of pornography. I began viewing women differently and would always imagine how a woman looks like naked whenever I look at one. I even came close to raping a girl younger than me to satisfy my pleasure. I hate how it controls me and it will continue to ruin my life if I can't stop it from controlling me."

Boy: 18 years old

"After reading the Fight The New Drug website, I have affirmed that what I have been doing is wrong. I always had a feeling it was wrong but I never had the cold hard facts proving to me that watching pornography is wrong. I want to be free from this but I think my habits are difficult to overcome. One thing that really shocked me was the reality that watching pornography promotes human sex trafficking. I feel horrible knowing that even though I have never paid for pornography, I was just one more person supporting some evil sicko that was forcing a woman to have sex with him or someone else for days just to produce a 45 minute video. It's sickening and disgusting. I know this program isn't religion based but I have mission trips that I go on and it's depressing trying to lift up people going through hard times when I feel so dirty inside. I want to be able to help people without the regret of watching pornography. It just feels like I'm defeating the purpose of the trip. I'm trying to help people with similar addictions that see me as if I'm free from those addictions when really I am not. I feel like a liar. I just want to be done with it."

Boy: 20 year old

"I know I am capable of accomplishing so many wonderful things in this world. Athletically and academically! However I KNOW that pornography is holding me back from my fullest potential and a clear mind."

Boy: 14 years old

"I cant get out of porn. every day I cant stop thinking about it. I started watching porn when I was 11. never though I would come this far (14). as I talk to my friends I come to realize I am not alone in this. trying to get out is the hardest thing I have ever done. I has affected my grade in a big way and my parents don't how they been going down. me and my friends are trying to get out of this BUT NOTHING IS WORKING. what can... I am a guy... a guy who hook for LIFE. if I am lucky I would go a day with out watching, viewing, or thinking about porn. 6 months ago word got out that I was watching porn (friends only knew) they thought I was a freak. the girls I would talk to would ignore, and texted me that I was a freak. my guy friends were a little more calm but after a while my friends started to admit that they watched porn too. I wanted to tell my friends that were girls that " they watch too and to stop bugging me now" , but I didn't. it just girls don't have the same desire. porn has affected my life too much. trying to get out and finally just starting to figure out that its harmful to my brain. my life seems as if already ruined, but I doesn't hurt to try to make I better..."

Boy: 19 years old

"Because I want to change my life, I feel than I am going in the wrong way, I feel is bad the than I am doing. I can't get an erection normally."

Boy: 16 years old

"I am 16, I have been addicted to porn for 6 years. It has been about 1 full year when I have been trying to change on my own... and then I was introduced to this program when you guys came to my school a few weeks ago. I would hope I can get this scholarship, but I am just glad to be trying."

Girl: 18 years old

";-)Well I was reading about what porn does to your brain. Me about to be 19, it's a scary thought knowing that dopamine, the chemical that's supposed to be released for the feel good moments will be numb before I can experience the healthy side of dopamine. I'm a virgin; I haven't even gotten to experience true sex yet. So I think that me watching porn and giving those feel good receptors to something that's unhealthy as porn is only an injustice for my future. I've been wanting help for a long time, I just never could find a website as blessed as this to help me. I pray that I do get a sponsor so that I can be helped. And set free from this unhealthy lifestyle; so that I may have a successful adulthood,. With the healthy dopamine"

Boy: 14 years old

“When I was as young as 11 I had curiosity about pornography and soon I searched it up for the first time now its a casual thing I do before bed along with self release, But after seeing your video that its harmful and that it evolves making you search more hard core things to satisfy your self I noticed that it was true and it was getting bad so now I have stopped but I want to over come the urge and completely put it all behind me for my future and I believe the fortify program can help me with it. thanks”

Boy: 18 years old

“I'm 20 yo, from Argentina . And I'm addicted to pornography.

**Sorry for my English, basic speaker here..*

I have been struggling with this since 2 years. At first I didn't give it importance. I thought I could leave it whenever I want. I was wrong. The maximum I could stay without porn was 2 weeks, now I can barely reach 2 days. I realized I can't do this alone, and I can't tell my family. This is destroying me from the inside. I have had periods of depression, and I suffer from social anxiety, Every time I watched porn, after finished, I feel like shit! (Sorry for that), I'm with bad humor, angry with myself, with a lot of negatives thoughts, most of the time enclosed in my house, feeling real lonely, even being with people, I can't interact with other persons without getting anxious, besides I'm unemployed and not studying, procrastinator, low self-esteem, the list go on, I just have only one true-friend who I can count. I promised myself not to do it again, but I always yield, It's so frustrating, I tried not to use the computer, I'm afraid my will is not that strong, but I really want to change this! I'm not Christian, but I believe in God, and I believe in myself despite all my failures, and I really think this is what I need. If you give me the opportunity I could break this chain of pain around me. I know I can't do it alone, I just don't know what to do, how to proceed, and this is my only hope. None knows this about me, not even my best friend or my mom. Think I'm to proud to admit in front of them I've this problems. The worst of this is that changed me into a person I hate, I love women, I think they're the most beautiful on this earth, and this addiction is twisting my mind in an awful way, I have fear and is consuming me...”

Boy 16 years old

“I have a problem with pornography. I have been trying to conquer it on my own, but it is very difficult. I am too scared to go to my family or church leaders for help because they all highly disapprove of it. I need help and I can't do it on my own. After a presentation at my school, I said I would be interested in the Fortify program once it was completed. I have been waiting for it and am glad its here. I need help with this problem because I can't do it on my own.”

Boy: 14 years old

"I want to stop but I cant and I don't know why. I hate myself. when I watch it I know I should turn it off and I cant do it. it keeps calling me back and it eats me up inside. its a pain deep down and I want it gone and I cant take it anymore. I don't want my little brother seeing what I do and doing the same thing. he's good and he doesn't need to do this to. I just cant stop."

Boy: 20 years old

"I have been struggling with pornography for 9 years now and I have not been able to get rid of this horrible addiction. I have been to many therapists and did not follow there advice, seen my church leaders multiple times. I have lost 2 jobs, been to jail, and lost friends because of this drug. I am hoping this site will help me in my quest for a better life."

Girl: 16 years old

"In middle school, I was disgusted by the guys that watched porn and promised myself I wouldn't. But later, at 14, I began dreaming about it and watched it online once, then again, and now almost daily for hours. I'm hate myself. I can't believe that I've been addicted for 3 years. In that time-span, the longest I've gone was 1 month when I attempted to quit. But really, it made me more hooked than before. Masturbating only leads to false happiness that fades away instantly. All that time watching porn, I could have spent achieving my goals and preparing for college. Every time I see men, I keep picturing them nude or think about porn when my mind is idle. I guess I used porn to keep my mind off the loneliness I feel (because I am not allowed to date or hang with friends), the goals I gave up on, and things I've regretted. In the end, all porno really does is make me hate myself, rewired my thinking, and distracts me from the true pleasures of life. It wasn't worth it. I feel like God is telling me that if I just give up porno and take the path he meant for me to take, he will give me all the things that porno never could and true happiness. But quitting porn, this tempting sin that has ruined my self-image and perspective of life for so long, is easier said than done. I can't tell my parents, they are more of the accusation-type than helping, which is why I really want access to the Fortify Program. Either way, it is a personal battle and I know that I'm going to have to conquer my own addiction and face myself one way or another."

Boy: 17 years old

"I don't consider myself intensely addicted but I have viewed it often, I have tried to stop and have came very close but then something happens and My resolve seems to fall apart. I don't feel comfortable telling anyone and I want to fight this off on my own. Fight the new drug came to my school and talked I realized that maybe with this program I can completely break away form this disgusting evil."

Boy: 20 years old

“Since the fifth grade, I have been constantly struggling with porn addiction and masturbation. Many times I have tried to stop, and would feel really good when I was able to go a month or two, even three months and completely avoid porn and would not masturbate. but then, some trigger would get me back on the same cycle and I would be back to where I started. I am in need of help because it is a terrible part of my life that needs to stop, and I do not want to relapse again. As a student, I have very little funds other than those necessary for tuition, groceries, utilities, etc.”

Girl: 18 years old

“I have struggled with porn for so long and it has taken me down a horrible path. I am someone that I never thought I'd be. I want my life back. I want to regain my own trust. I can't fight this battle alone and need help.

Boy: 17 years old

“I'm constantly stuck in the avoidance cycle. No matter how hard I try to break free, no matter how many times I promise myself this will be the last time, no matter how much I want to be free of my addiction, I just keep finding myself confined in this vicious cycle. It's always the same- trying to resist, eventually giving in, promising myself I won't do it again, and next thing you know everything just repeats itself. I've simply reached the point where I understand my willpower alone just isn't enough to cope with this constant struggle. It's always been a secretive part of life met with guilt and shame. I'm able to understand that this sort of gratification my addiction provides will never earn me the happiness I truly want, but I always find myself cycling back in it anyways. My addiction has always been a double edge sword- I'm upset with myself when I do it, and still upset with myself when I withdraw from it. I just feel as though I can't win either way. As difficult as it is to break free of it at this point, I know that this cycle will only get worse and worse as time goes on as my brain will only continue to crave increasingly extreme stimuli in exchange for decreasingly satisfying climaxes. I know my life could be so much better without it, and that there is so much potential I still have as a human being, and yet I constantly find myself in the battle that is my addiction. I feel like I'm in a particularly tricky situation as no matter how much I research the effects of porn/masturbation addictions and how to quit them, I always end up with temptation back at my doorstep. It's never been something I've addressed to anyone as it has always been a secretive matter. Even knowing how bad it is for me and how much it eludes me from the person I want to be, I still can't help myself when that temptation comes along and that is why I've decided I have reached the point of understanding that my willpower just isn't enough to cope with this anymore. No matter how many times I quit, no matter how I try quit, and no matter how many times I tell myself that was the last time- it just doesn't work. What I hope out the Fortify program is that I can finally reach my true potentials, that I this vicious cycle that is my addiction is finally broken, and that I can finally just live free of it.”

Boy: 14 years old:

"I am very afraid that at the rate I'm currently looking at pornography, it will have a negative impact on my love life, social life and my mental sanity."

Boy: 17 years old

"I believe that porn is affecting all areas of my life, from my friendships to my relationship with my parents. It has changed the way I look at all girls and even guys. No longer can I see a girl who looks beautiful, but I see a girl and I think what she would look like without her clothes and what it'd be like to go to bed with her. It has driven my hormones crazy. Also, I want to be able to be able to be as pure as possible for my wife and go into my marriage with realistic expectation and a pure mind that is not corrupted by what I view on a weekly basis and so that I can commit as much as myself as possible to her in my marriage."

Boy: 17 years old

"I want to stop thinking of women as things. I keep thinking of porn no matter what I do. I don't want this to hurt me when I'm older and have real relationships. It's already affecting my family. I feel like porn is hurting my personality from coming out because whenever I talk to people I stutter and make no eye contact. I get on average 5-6 hours of sleep everyday because I am driven to spend my nights watching porn. I need to stop and I feel like this will help."

Boy: 17 years old

"I'm tired of being a puppet of pornography. I have so many things planned for the future, but I can't progress happily because of the empty, horrible, feeling pornography has given me. when I'm at school, training, family reunions, work, random moments, memories of porn come to mind, and they haunt me. I'm a very religious person, I want to be a best example for others, but porn makes me feel like a hypocrite, and has stolen my peace with GOD, family, and friends. I've been battling this addiction for almost 2 years. I will never give up. I am a strong, and righteous. Person, but even so, I need your help, and badly. There's only so much that I can do on will power alone. I pray to GOD a lot, pouring my soul out, for a way out of this abyss. I believe that you are the answers to my prayers, he has blessed me with the opportunity you offer, and I will do my part to take this opportunity. I humbly request for your help, please, free me from these heavy chains that pornography has put upon me...I believe. I know you can help me. And if for some reason you deny my request. I will still not give up, I will keep fighting, not just for me. but for my family, friends, and others who are watching me, who go thru the same thing, to show that there is hope, I care more about them than I do myself. But I will never help others, if I can't even help myself, I'll give everything to have freedom from porn, have peace in my heart again, because right now I have nothing. Nothing because of porn.. Please help me. God bless.-Brett,17,WA"

Boy: 17 years old

"I am a missionary kid who lives in Kenya. I have internet here but no support groups, youth groups, or other ways to get help and freedom from this problem. I have tried to break free multiple times but never seem to manage longer than a month. I fear that I will ruin my relationships with girls and even my future wife if I continue down this path. your site seems to be the very best please sponsor me! I desperately need this!"

Girl: 14 years old

People start watching porn at a young age. As young as 8. I started before I could walk. Photographs from when my father would take care of me, showed that those films were my morning cartoons. Till the age of 3 I participated in pornography. My parents got divorced and I attended therapy and pushed it to the back of my mind until I was 9. When I was 9, my father died. When cleaning out his house, I found one of my videos. From my "star" days. I watched it for 2 weeks, until my mom caught me and had the police take it away. I got therapy for that too. I got much better. I made friends, and lived a normal life. My mom got remarried to a wonderful man that I still love as a father. Then I turned 13. I noticed that people in my neighborhood were dating, kissing, and more from what some told me. Soon enough, I had the sex talk with mother. This ended with her telling me that because of my infant abuse, tissue damage, deformities, and stitches, would make intercourse almost impossible for me let alone give birth to a child. So I started watching porn, to see what I would miss. I watched it a couple of nights a week with a few pictures, until I had to have it every second. I starting to watch it very hardcore."

Girl: 19 years old

"I have been in bondage to pornography for 8 years, which is a little less than half my life. I have tried everything from professional counseling to web browser blockers and I still find myself struggling to this day. I'm not trying to recover simply because I'm trying to live up to some moral code of religion; I have seen and experienced the detrimental effects of porn. I've skipped classes, pulled all-nighters, hurt my closest friends, nearly been exposed too many times to count; pornography has torn my life apart from the seams for too long. I don't want to instill this addiction on my future husband, kids, loved ones, or myself. I'm tired of supporting FTND, talking the talk, and putting on a show for everyone. It's time to clean up my act and be freed from pornography, and I'm willing to do whatever it takes."

Girl 19 years old

"Because I'm tired of living a life addicted to porn and it's embarrassing to know it's my struggle when I'm a girl, even though I'm not the only one. I just want to experience complete freedom from porn."

Girl 19 years old

"I've been addicted to pornography for years and I have not been able to overcome it on my own. I feel ashamed about what I am doing and I want to be able to move forward in my life. I want to be done with this addiction."

Boy: 15 years old

"I am a 15 year old man who has a REAL problem. Pornography crept into my life and I haven't fully beat it. I stopped once for 6 months but then it came back. It causes me to lie to my parents, and makes me sneak around in the night. I need help. Thank you for reading this and helping. God bless you"

Boy: 20 years old

"Because, I really want to get out of the ocean of pornography, It is killing me inside, lack of self confidence, extreme shyness, no self improvements. and also cause of porn I am not able to concentrate on my job n studies. I am a person who would never go and meet the therapist/psychologist or doctor for cure of this disease. I really want to get rid of this disease, only then I will be able to achieve my goals in this world, meet new people, have talk with them have self confidence to go anywhere. I feel If I continue to watch pornography and masturbate I maybe die one day, because I regret it after having it done. this is the reason I am not able to get good result in school or improve my working skills. so many problems.. omg"

Girl: 17 years old

"I have struggled almost my whole life with pornography. At age 6 my mother and brother were killed and after that I started masturbating. I later came to feel that it was because I would get lonely or feel depressed. It was a source of comfort. Around 13 I slowly feel into pornography and it has had me trapped ever since. It eats me alive every day. I don't want to live like this. I'm the only one who can support myself through this. With your help and Gods I know I can recover. But I need this programs help. I have been praying for God to help me find an outlet , a way out. And today as I was scrolling through Facebook I saw your page and I know God has answered my prayers. Thank you for being his angels on earth."

Boy: 18 years old

"Because I feel I'm losing control of myself. and I have this problem that is starting to produce decrease in my ability to study because it takes me a long time and is difficult to make the decision to stop. I am a student and how little I earn in my country does not allow me to pay the cost of your program. Please help me, I need the instruction."

Boy:18 years old

"I've been searching for help to overcome my porn addiction since last 2 years. Every time I want to run away from it, it would never fail to catch my attention. I had only succeed to reduced my addiction to 1-2 times per week. I didn't actually know it would be this hard to get away from this addiction. If I am unable to abstain from this addiction, im worried I might put my life's future and goals at stake. I really hope this campaign would help me overcome my addiction. Thank you :)"

Girl 18 years old

"I think that I should be selected because I need the help. I know that if I ever tried to ask the help of my family or friends they would leave me or disown me because they've already vocalized their thoughts about people like "that". I just want to live my life without getting upset and then turning to pornography. I just want to be able to feel like I'm recovering and that I can do it. I need this support and without it I'm insure of what my next step will be. I have tried countless times to stop and help myself but I can't do it so I really need the help of the professionals because it's not only important I. Eloping me move on it makes me feel less guilt for sinning against my religion. I want to this for both me and my religion. I don't want to do this be this and I think with this help I can overcome it"

Girl 18 years old

"I need help. Pornography is ruining my relationship with my boyfriend. I do love him very much but I can no longer show my love to him physically anymore. I don't know why it's so hard for me to stop by myself but I can't. And as a girl its even harder to seek help. Please, I want to stop."

Boy: 17 Years old

"I have been suffering from porn induced ED and I would like to use this site as a productive outlet."

Boy: 15 years old

"I was happy. Until I first watched that sick stuff. Every day I wonder why. Why did I do it. All these past years have been ruined. I want to have a family when I grow up. I don't want to be stuck like this the rest of my life. I want to be the Christian I'm suppose to be. I want to please my family. My family does not yet know about my addiction, nor do I want them to know. I just want it gone and I don't ever want to think about it again. Please accept me. Thank you."

Girl 20 years old

“I think I should be considered for this scholarship because I have struggled so long with the pornography and masturbation addictions. I've tried again and again to quit yet I always go back. Although it goes against my religious morals it was an outlet for me. It got rid of my stress and anxieties. It has defined my mind for so long I want it out of my head. Every time I try to quit I end up getting stressed out again and then fall back into the trap of the pleasures that pornography and masturbation give you.”

Boy 15 years old

“I got involved in it when I was in class 5. my classmates often used some abusive words in English one of them starting with f. so one day I searched the meaning online and found this wretched world of pornography. earlier it didn't matter. But now when I have some sense in myself and when I masturbate when I watch it I feel I need to do it no matter the consequences. but like all drugs when I'm done with it I fell like I should not live anymore. all those images suddenly surge into my mind and I fell masturbating is the only solution. but my inner conscience tells me its wrong. I even have started to maintain a journal in which I write down my feelings and promise myself not to do it again, but it only lasts for 9 or 10 days. I just don't know how to be me.”

Boy: 17 years old

I have been watching pornography since I was 11. It started out as once in a blue moon at my friends house. Then I got a iPod touch. So it bi weekly, then weekly, then it turned into daily. I started masturbating when I was around 11 as well. I didn't think much of it only that guys do it cause we are guys. Then I came closer to God and accepted him as my lord and Saviour and got baptized in the year 2012. The only thing I felt they is keeping me away from God is my addiction to porn. No matter what I do I always turn my back on him. I feel like the closer I get towards God the harder it is for me to stop. Sometimes I feel like just giving up and just giving in to my sin. I know I can over come his with a little help. I stumbled upon your program uhm I don't know actually I just happened to find it. I bought your fortify book and read half before I gave into sin again. I think I should be giving free access to this program so that I may grow in my walk with God and overcome this sin that has it chains around my ankles. Thank you in advance

Girl: 18 years old

I was raised by my mother and grew up in a home where she would get verbally and physically abused by my stepfather. I had to help take care of my baby brother at the time, I was around eight, and frequently left alone to my own devices. When I first saw porn on the computer, it was strange. But as I grew older, so did my curiosity, and found comfort and relief. It felt good, but I felt so gross inside. I felt extreme guilt and shame. Now that I have left home and go to college, I finally realize how this has affected my spirit and my life. I would go through severe depression spells and sought counseling, but I was too embarrassed to get professional help - neither ask for it, even though I knew how much it was taking away from me. I tried to convince myself that this was normal, but when I watched your "Fight The New Drug" video, I felt like I finally found a place where I could take action against this disease that has seemed to spread throughout my life. Pornography has taken away my ability to enjoy life and to see myself clearly. I want to help others and share this information with them, but with that I would love to be free from my addiction."

Boy: 17 years old

"I have been struggling with this addiction for a while. at first I didnt think much of it then it just grew year by year. I have gone through so many struggles the past year from suicidal actions, bullying, and this. this is for so much more than me. its for my parents, future wife and kids. I'm trying hard to quit but it keeps jumping on my back. I just need some help outside my parents."

Girl: 18 years old

"I am in my first year of college. I am a great student and very smart. Everyone loves me but they fail to see the evil behind me. I watch porn all day and all night. I constantly fall behind in my work and have to spend hours working fast to get caught up. I can't stop watching it for some reason, it gets me happy and excites me. I can't pay for help because my credit card is linked to my parents and they would find out. I don't want anyone to know about my habit because it's gross. I started watching porn with my cousin around 6, who just had me watch it so I would think it was cool which left me open for him at anytime to rape me. I moved on with my life from that, but for some reason I can't move on from this porn watching. It went from soft porn to bondage and all out screaming porn. If I can't get this program free, my grades are going to start dropping and fast. I need all the help I can get"

Girl: 18 years old

"This addiction has been dragging me down for years. I was sexually harassed as a child and so those images were hard to get out of my head. I have never told anyone but recently went to a therapist about depression and now she is helping me through this and suggested this site. I just want to stop having those things run through my head, to find a way to stop myself."

Boy: 15 years old

"I have been trying for two years to get rid of this addiction and gain freedom. but I have not managed to do this on my own. I can go 6 days on my own but then I give into temptation. Every time I masturbate or watch porn I feel guilty for days but then do it again."

Girl 17 years old:

"When I was only in 4th grade, something very dirty popped up on my computer when I just opened my email. I was very shocked, but since then I kept wanting to look at these "dirty" things. At first, there was no nudity; however, I realized that it has already been about 7 years since I started watching porn. And now I actually do search for porn site and all that to look at it and even worse, I started masturbating since this year. Since I became a true Christian this year, I felt so shameful and especially as a girl, I could not forgive myself. I have hated myself for all these, but I could not stop going back. And when one of the Fight the New Drug speakers came to my school and spoke, it was like I need help! But I cannot tell anyone and now I feel disgusted by myself doing such dirty things, but acting like an innocent girl on the outside. Please help!"

Girl: 17 years old

"I have been struggling with porn addiction since age 13, so for about 4 years. I know it's a sin and I can see all the harm it's causing my life, but... It's addicting. At times I read porn several times a day, or stayed up all night or late on school nights just to get my fix. As time went on I needed more and it became more hardcore. It screws with me physically and mentally and I hate it but I feel like I have no control over it. About two months ago I challenged myself to go without it for a month. I put a blocker on my computer and tried so hard. I went a month and 8 days and then cracked and completely binged and basically stayed home all day just to read and watch porn. Kind of an all time low. Going a month without is one of the hardest things I've ever done- and that's horrifying to me. I don't know why you should pick me to get it for free in specific other than that I need help and I can't seem to do it on my own, and I want to stop."

Boy: 13 years old

"I am struggling. I have always hated porn and all the sudden it came back. I need help. I'm scared to ask my parents for help because they will be mad that I was looking at porn. I really have nobody and am starting to become depressed. I was something 100% secret from my parents so that I can recover without being misunderstood by them. If I don't get this program, please give me someone to talk to or advice or anything! Please! My life was just starting to become great and now it's spiraling downhill. You guys came to my school and I am always stressed because I am torturing myself intentionally. I really need this program. Thanks."

Boy: 18 Years old

I do not feel that I have an adequate response as to why I should receive anything. I have my story, but I know that my struggles can be matched and even overturned by the struggles of many other people. I do not think that I am some unique individual fighting alone, but what I do know personally is the challenge that I have faced.

I have seen this addiction of pornography overcome my life. I have seen it negatively affect the relationships I have with my family, my friends, and those whom I have loved. I have witnessed this demon wrap its cruel snare around me, and I have fallen so many times into a state of wretched dependency. Though I have fallen countless times, I have risen up each time. This addiction has come into conflict with one of my greatest goals in life, which is to serve a mission for the LDS church, and now I face the judgment of those who will decide if I am worthy to serve. I refuse to denounce or deny my addiction, and because of it, the process has been difficult. Pornography has ruined my life, but though it left ruins, I still can rebuild into something stronger. I do not think that I should receive a scholarship, because other people deserve more. What I do ask, is the chance to reach out to someone, because I know this twisted thing far more than any ever ought to know.

Girl: 20 years old

"I started watching porn 2.5 years ago because of my physically abusive ex-boyfriend. He was addicted to porn and would always tell me I wasn't good enough for him and that girls in porn were better. He made me watch a video with him to "learn" from them and after we broke up I kept watching the videos to fill that hole. I want to stop but I keep relapsing and I'm not sure how to get out on my own"

Boy: 18 years old

"Being gay and being a Christian is hard where I live and where I go to church and school. I have not completely come out to all my friends and family, so talking about them with this issue is hard, and talking about it with an adult is harder. I feel like they don't get it. I have tried talking to someone about it, but it seems to me that they are distant and confused because I am gay. I have been struggling with porn and masturbation for 4 years, and I at least do it once every two days, usually more. I want to get rid of this thing that is keeping me from my faith and holding me down. I have tried to find a program where there was no involvement of another person. I just want it to be me handling this. I just want to be free."

Girl: 18 years old

"I feel as though I have been addicted for quite a long time I thought that porn was going to make me happy and that I wasn't going to be lonely anymore now that I'm in the never ending cycle of being addicted I've felt even more lonesome and even more unloved I think I might have an underling issue of why I started visiting porn outlets. I've gone from just watching videos and reading to entering chat rooms to seek relationships ending with trading sexual images and videos. Today I realized I'm hiding something I'm very ashamed of and that I want to get the help I need to fight this to make me a more pure whole some person because I'm very embarrassed of my behavior."

Boy: 15 years old

"Hi dear creators of Fortify!

You asked me why I would get free access to the Fortify Program. Well let me tell you,

I have struggled with pornographic for plenty of years now. I am 15 years old and started with porn for the first time when I was 11 years old. I thought it was fantastic and continued with it. Then later I felt how everything changed I craved more and more and I got turned on things I normally thought was disgusting and morally wrong. I started to become depressed and became addicted. I couldn't stop watching even though I wanted. So I joined programs but none of them really helped me. I could stay sober for maximum a month then I relapsed and everything was back to Norma. My hope faded away and it felt like I would be trapped with my addiction to porn for the rest of my life.

During this time I prayed to God many times. Then I suddenly tripped over your side and started to read your texts on how the porn affects the brain, relationships and the society on your page "fightthenewdrug" and I noticed how food you are at this subject and I learned so much when reading those texts. And by that I became convinced that your program was the right for me, that it would help me overcome my porn addiction once and for all! Now you know why I really want your program, but not why I want it for free. The reason why I want it for FREE is because I don't want my parents to know about my addiction, I am so ashamed of this addiction. If you would ask me to pay for program I would have needed to ask my parents for money and tell them the whole story which I absolutely doesn't want to. Thank you for taking time to read this text, Dick Haraldsson."

Boy: 18 years old

“Right now, I am fighting harder than I've ever fought before to overcome my pornography addiction. I've spent only a few weeks pornography and masturbation free, but I know that I need a real, structured program to succeed. Scouring the internet for additional support, I found the fortify program and Fight the New Drug. I've read every article and have watched every video. I love how organized and credible the information is. The site is built by and built for young people as well as adults who truly suffer from pornography addiction. This addiction has much stigma associated with it. My fight has been very difficult yet very quiet. I could never bring myself to tell my parents. Therefore, I couldn't pay for the fortify program no matter how badly I long for it. Please select me for free access to the Fortify Program. I am ready to fight like never before and I know that I will join the many recovered porn addicts who have gotten a second chance through your program. Let me tell you a bit about myself and how I found myself battling pornography addiction. I'm 17 years old and finished high school in 2013. I went to college in the fall of 2013 and withdrew at the end of the semester. I first began to explore internet pornography at around 12 or 13 years old. I lived with my student sister at the time so I was especially vulnerable. It was just me and the computer all day and night. It became a daily activity quite quickly. I never had many friends in school but nevertheless was a relatively successful student. However, I went home to use pornography every day. I never felt guilty for doing it back then. It was a simple part of my day, like brushing one's teeth. Every day I'd come home, fire up the computer and use pornography before starting on any work. Compulsive pornography use and masturbation have made me late to events and have taken a substantial toll on my life. My absolute low point was when I actually missed part of my own sister's wedding because I went home to use pornography and masturbate. I later blamed by absence on "traffic." Like many other young users, my pornographic tastes became more vulgar, graphic, and deviant quite quickly. Looking back, it disgusts me the types of things I viewed and even enjoyed at the tender age of 14 years old. It wasn't until I was 17 that I stumbled across information about the dangers of pornography online and slowly realized the harm I've been inflicting on myself. I realized that there were countless times I ran away from important parts of my life (from being with friends to spending time with family) to use pornography. I did ridiculous things to access internet pornography (including hacking, spending hours upon hours all to access "higher end" pornographic content.) I dreamt and loved women I had never met before. I didn't want to live in real life, always wanting to escape reality temporarily with pornography. My reasons for fighting addiction have evolved greatly. In the beginning I believed in the "super powers" raved about online. I believed that my "neural pathways" were fried by dopamine bursts and that there were painful physical "withdrawals." I thought that defeating porn addiction would solve all of life's problems. Even though I now personally believe these reasons are a bit exaggerated, I still know that I am a genuine addict, a young victim of the information age. And, like Occam's razor, the simplest explanation is the best: using pornography does not make me feel good about myself so I don't want to do it. And finally on my current

situation: I withdrew from university after a semester. During the summer and especially during university I began to act really strangely. I wouldn't speak to any other students. I would sneak in and out of my own dorm room at odd hours to avoid my roommate. I felt like everyone hated me. My extreme introversion continued until I finally saw a psychiatrist about a week ago. I was diagnosed with social phobia."

Girl: 17 years old

"I really need help. This is getting way out of control. It started when I was young, and now I want to actually have sex with almost any guy I deem as attractive. I need to refocus. I need help"

Boy: 19 years old

"I just need help. I'm in a relationship with the girl I want to marry, and yet every day I feel less and less feelings toward her. It's strange, it's not feelings of dislike, but it's like I've stopped loving her. And not only her, I've lost my previously very strong faith, and I just don't care about anything but music (my future profession) anymore. Nothing makes me sympathetic or sad, even things that would devastate me a year ago. I've been wondering (but not even caring) how I got like this, and I remembered seeing the "Fight the New Drug" site on Facebook, so I thought I'd look at that, and it basically spelled out all of my changed emotions are because of porn. I've battled with porn and sexuality since I went through puberty, and I've never been able to conquer it. I've always been fighting it though until this year, and now I've completely let myself succumb to it. I just need help."

Boy: 19 years old

"I really want to change and I know I can I just might need a little help along the way. I'm ready to change and to get this sin out of my life I want to live my life happy and not be held down by pornography."

Boy: 19 years old

"I have battled this addiction for nearly half my life, it's led to an attempt on my life due to the shame. I want freedom from this sin. I want to be free so I can help those around me and be pure for my wife. I want this more than anything. The guilt is becoming unbearable for me"

Boy: 19 years old

"After fighting with this for a few years I am aware that pornography is an addiction, which causes damage to mind and mind harm the body as well. Due to the will to have a healthy matrimonial life with my future wife and my belief in God as a Christian I would like to try to end this addiction at age as soon as possible. I liked your video about it, like even more the way you speak about this problem, which is here in Europe known only marginally. If it is possible to grant me a scholarship for this program I would be very thankful to you and happy for me and my future family one day. There is an initiative coming out in Slovakia too regarding fighting pornography addiction, yet only "in embryo". Thank you for the possibility in advance. I hope to hear from you soon."

Boy: 19 years old

“Well, because I believe that pornography is a problem for society as a whole, as well as for the individuals that are gripped by it. I am an individual who looks at porn habitually, and I would love more than anything the rid myself of its grips. I feel that it affects my moods and my relationships with the opposite gender. I do not feel arousal from real life anymore, leading me to feel asexual. I need help.”

Boy: 16 years old

“I’ve had this problem for a while. I watch porn at least once a day, if I’m bored up to 4 times. When I tell my friends all they do is think it is a joke and laugh away. I don’t want to tell my mom, its too embarrassing, and I don’t have the income yet to go see a psychologist. All I want is self control. Its just every time I try to get off of it by myself, I cant go without it for a day.”

Boy: 19 years old

“Right now I am an active duty Marine. I have been a big porn user since about age 12. I have only had one relationship. It didn't work out so well. Currently I am paying 60 dollars a month on porn subscriptions and I find myself struggling to get aroused by a real person. I don't want it to affect a relationship in the future.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I’ve been struggling with pornography ever since I was 11. My addiction was on and off up until about my senior year of high school, and the addiction has only gotten worse since. My best friend and I have both done different things to try to overcome our addictions, but now that we're at different colleges its become much harder, and neither of us have the same kind of accountability partner that we had in each other during high school. Recently, I've realized that pornography is at the root of almost everything I want to change in myself. I'm lazy and irresponsible in many ways, and I have no direction in my life. So much of my time is wasted doing absolutely nothing or looking at pornography. I want to actually have direction in my life, and I believe getting rid of this addiction is the first step I need to take.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I have been struggling with porn for years and I have tried to quit looking at it for about a year now and I'm realizing that I need outside help. I just want to be free of my disgusting addiction and I'm really hoping this program can help me.”

Girl: 16 years old

“Because I need to get out of this, it's affecting my entire life, I need to be like I used to be before porn.. I need help”

Girl: 16 years old

“I'm 16 I've tried to kick out this habit, it hasn't worked, my parents don't have a lot of money, and we would appreciate the help”

Boy: 18 years old

“I have been struggling to find a way out of my addiction for about two years now.. My efforts usually last a week or two before I can't stand it any longer and cave back in, which goes on for varying amounts of time. I believe that the ability to keep track of my progress may be the way I can grow my self-motivation enough to push through my addiction before it becomes something that damages not only myself, but my relationships with important people of my future.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I first viewed porn when I was only 11 years old. I was just curious as to what a woman looked like naked. But that was a mistake. My computer brought up things that I never could have dreamed of. And I became addicted to watching naked men and women have intercourse. When I was 13 I was caught when my dad was going through the computer history. He found Redtube.com. I was so upset with myself. He said he forgave me. That was even harder because now I realize that I failed him. He put up the K9 web protection porn blocker and I was free from for about a year. Then I got an iPod touch with internet access. After about 6 months with it I realized what I could do with its internet abilities and I was deeper into my addiction than ever... It was a nightmare. But I loved it. As my addiction grew so did my desire for more. I found every kind of porn imaginable. Lesbian, she male, hentai, gay, child, family, bestiality, gay orgies, shower rooms. And I loved them all. Last year I knew enough was enough. I took my iPod outside and smashed it onto the ground. I then smashed it with a rock and lit it on fire because I knew I would not be able to overcome my addiction if I let myself own what it came from. I was clean for about 3 months (but I could not and still can't overcome masturbation, I don't know if it's necessary for all teens or not. But now I just get sudden urges.) Once again I fell into porn addiction and have been very focused on anime and muscular gay boys. I love them and I know it's wrong. I can see what porn is doing to my mind. It is destroying my relationships with my family, friends, and God. I become hateful and shut myself out. I can't break my laptop because it is my families and I just don't know what to do to stop it when my urges come up. I always seem to find it. Weather on pinterest, Facebook, or an overlooked picture on Google. It is always there and I don't know what to do. My name is Tim, I am 17 years old and I am a porn addict.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I should be selected for this program because I have never had a girlfriend due to the fact that I still watch porn, I want to quit to get a girlfriend and be able to care about her how she deserves.”

Girl: 19 years old

“I don’t feel good with myself, I want to change to be really free and live a healthy life, without regrets.”

Girl: 19 years old

“I want to end my addiction. I want to be normal again, not have to have this need that is making my life miserable. I want to have a real relationship that is meaningful and lovely. I want to stop I need to stop this.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I have been struggling with this for a long time. I have hurt myself and other people that I love in the process. I am sick and tired of this, but no matter how much I want to, I always come back to it. I want to be rid of this addiction and know how to fight it.”

Boy: 16 years old

“I should be selected for a scholarship because I have been fighting this addiction for so many years now and I want it to stop. I have tried looking for other things to help me stop watching porn, but I would have to pay in those other options. This is finally something that is free and that I will finally be able to use to learn how to fight and beat this addiction.”

Boy: 20 years old

“Dear Fortify-Team, I’m a 20 year-old German male (therefore no native English writer) dealing with this horrible porn issue for about 7 years and fully recognizing the harm and negative impact it had on me for about 1.5 to 2 years. Beginning at 13 with hardcore pornography (technically very skilled at a young age, so it was easy to gain access to all the videos out there), I gradually became desensitized and escalated to more extreme, brutal and degrading videos. By reflecting that, it hurts me even more, because I am a sensitive and empathetic person and would never want anyone to suffer, especially not girls or young women in real life. It is devastating and cruel to see how you get accustomed to practices you would naturally find disgusting and inhumane. Even before becoming 16, I ashamedly have to confess that for some periods I nearly watched every day for multiple hours. This may also be the reason why I have to fight so much and my cravings are so extraordinary strong if I want to quit. Though I got kind of an idea that it would hurt me enormously, even after several attempts for over a year, I was unable to fully quit. After a few days, the cravings begin and after one or two weeks without porn or masturbating, I usually give in and was defeated by the addiction. Currently, porn evokes depression, anxiety, erectile Dysfunction and lethargy. Nevertheless, I am extremely willing to finally overcome it and I want to do anything possible. Just now, I am abstinent for 7 days and I am fighting hard everyday to overcome my porn past. I hate pornography and it would be an honor to support your great project with any experience I can provide or any information I can give you first hand during my recovery. I already have to express my deepest appreciation for your amazing project and I would love to participate.”

Boy: 15 years old

"I have a serious problem that I want and need to be stopped before I get any older because I want a serious relationship with people that doesn't always end up being over with because I want to have a family when I'm older please I really need help. I have been caught numerous times and have been tried to be taught not to and have been disciplined for looking at pornography, but I always end up going back to it."

Boy: 16 years old

"Because I am TIRED of living this way! I know it's bad and not good or healthy I just can't stop! Please help! My dad is a pastor and I am to scared to tell him so I need to stop while I have the chance!"

Girl: 18 years old

"It was one day that I walked into my dad's computer room and saw pictures across his laptop. I ran out, but at the age having access to the internet, became incredibly interested. I began viewing and experiencing pleasure from soft videos at an early age. I accepted Christ into my life when I was 16, though. I went dry from the drug for quite some time, ultimately finding the supreme satisfaction in the Lord. It. Was. Awesome. But when my parent's banned me from attending church because they didn't like my Christian lifestyle, and I rarely saw my brothers and sisters in Christ anymore, I entered a stage of depression and relapse. It's now become increasingly dangerous and vulgar what I watch just for the instantaneous arousal, and ultimate shame. God is still present in my life, I love and worship Him, but I'm choosing the sin. I know He forgives it, but how could He still love me after it? He's tried pulling me out and after 2 weeks clean, I always come back. I don't want to look at boys and girls in my high school this way anymore. I don't want to be cluttered to an addiction that changes my perspective and pleasures in life. I want to taste freedom, and though God gives us more strength than anyone, I need other help. I need someone or something there to help severe me off. I need rescue."

Boy: 13 years old

"This is a problem that I have been facing for a long time. Though this is an act that is encouraged or not grab others attention, somewhere in my heart I have the feeling of perks of pornography or masturbation and how bad impact it has on me. I am 13 and I am building my character. If I am molded properly now, I won't I problem in future. I thought of it several times but it doesn't work out. Now when I searched for help, I saw a hope from this site. And I want a supervisor or an advisor which can help me and make my life easy as well as help me make the lives easy of others"

Girl: 17 years old

"I'm a senior in HS and I want to get my life back on track. My friends showed me a pornography video at a sleepover when I was 14 and at the time I didn't like it. I can't keep living my life like this. Deep down I know I should not be viewing this stuff, but it keeps sneaking back. I know it will be hard to overcome it but God is #1 and He comes before anything and lately I haven't felt like that's the case. I feel like this will help me overcome it and renew my faith and grow closer to God."

Boy: 16 years old

"I have struggled with defeating pornography addiction for a long time and I finally see a better chance of defeating it. It is extremely difficult for anyone to get over an addiction without some sort of program and that is what Fortify can do for me."

Boy: 20 years old

"From a young age I was introduced to pornography and ever since then I've struggled with being addicted to it. I've tried many times to stop but was unable, so that is why I am here. I just want to be free from this addiction, it is like a drug and I need help. It is encouraging to hear stories of people that have beat this addiction but sometimes its hard to think that I could ever get there too. I hope that you would select me for Fortify."

Boy: 16 years old

"From a young age I was introduced to pornography and ever since then I've struggled with being addicted to it. I've tried many times to stop but was unable, so that is why I am here. I just want to be free from this addiction, it is like a drug and I need help. It is encouraging to hear stories of people that have beat this addiction but sometimes its hard to think that I could ever get there too. I hope that you would select me for Fortify."

Boy: 14 years old

"I belong to a lower middle class family background. as I am young I cannot discuss about this out there .the only help I can see now is the WEB. I love researching on new things but pornography is pulling me back. hope you guys help me out. with the leftover hope..... help me out plz."

Boy: 17 years old

"I am still young and I don't want to ruin my life. I am looking for the initiative to lead me away from looking and viewing at those videos. I feel this is the only thing holding me back, while I excel at other fields in my life."

Boy: 20 years old

"I'm looking for some help to get over my porn addiction. Few month ago I wasn't sure about being addicted to pornography. I only realized it when it became difficult for me to have an intellectual activity without thinking about masturbating. I'm a student and I need my full intellectual capacities to work. Without this mental cancer I think I would be a better person, a better student and a better son. Thanks a lot for your help, what you're doing is remarkable."

Boy: 18 years old

"I'm having a relationship with a woman, she is my best friend and my girlfriend, I really love her very much, and I want to stop watching porn in order to respect her as she deserves and to stop those ugly thoughts when I'm with her"

Boy: 19 years old

"I've lived with shackles to something that I accidentally stumbled upon for almost 8 years now. I'm sick and tired of feeling beaten and like I'm owned by it. I want to be free and for the trend of freedom to grow among those around me because I will help them and show them this site."

Boy: 18 years old

"I have been working for about two years now to stop watching pornography. I feel it has caused a ton of harm with my intimate relationships, and produced a lot of anxiety and depression. I've stopped watching porn for about 50 days last summer and I really saw the difference. I don't know what caused me to go back, besides the addiction. I'm tired of being lonely, awkward, and addicted. I really want to make a change in my life for the better. I'm ready to be done with it for good. I'm also taking anti-anxiety medication, and I feel stopping the porn would help immensely in getting off the medication. This is a huge life goal for me, and I'm ready to do whatever it takes to beat this addiction!"

Boy: 17 years old

"long ago decided to see a pornographic video of curiosity that escuchava enough of that topic in some young was the motivation by which I saw, at first I did not feel anything, after 5minutes I felt eager to watch another video, been a month of this and in the course I have continued watching, to be honest after seeing that dislike me, I look in the mirror and repugnant me, mw feel disappointed because ne like sport and is like decay for a nonsense, is a fraud for me, for me, clearly I would like to have a help about how no longer feel the urge to watch any video"

Boy: 17 years old

"I would like to be selected for a scholarship to the Fortify Program because quite frankly I'm sick and tired of this addiction. I want to quit more than anything but it's a struggle that I loose everyday. I don't want to be very personal because the last thing I want is for this to leak out and people I know to know about my story but in essence what I have become now is something that I have never been in my life. I am so isolated now, I'm depressed everyday. I use to be so outgoing and enthusiastic. I loved living, making friends, in High school I was the class clown in every one of my class, I loved to be the center of attention. Now 3 years later, 3 years that I have been succumbed to this utterly horrid addiction it has not only taken my friends, my dreams, my family away but it has taken my life away from me. The only thing I have too look forward to during the day is this temporary satisfaction. Now I will not let this hurt me.. I am confident I can overcome this addiction, I have tried many times before, but this time I am very focused and optimistic about the future. This is a small part of why I want access to the Fortify Program to help me leave this addiction for good. The aid this program will give me can be very beneficial."

Boy: 17 years old

"I have tried other accountability software and they don't seem to work. I have faith in this one, seeing as FTND is extremely outspoken about the effects of pornography and their implications. I want to do as much as I can to eliminate this temptation from my life. I have dealt with it for five years and I am more than ready to be done with it. I am a leader on my college campus, and among my friends, and this addiction hangs in the back of my mind and keeps me from fully being able to help others. I want to be rid of this addiction for good."

Boy: 18 years old

"I am a teen that has been really successful in life. I have held leadership positions, and I have great friends. For the past few years I have felt that nobody cares and that I have failed myself, my family, my friends, and my neighbors. Everybody expects me to be a good kid and not have any slip-ups, and I feel that I won't be able to succeed in life."

Boy: 18 years old

"I really need help. I've tried different things and they haven't worked. I'm always thinking about it. Even when I'm in a relationship I think about it. It's taking over my life. I need help."

Boy: 19 years old

"I am a millennial who is fixing to graduate from college and move forward on a exciting journey. I have been addicted to this stuff for many years and it has drained me emotionally, spiritually and I don't see it getting any better if I can't receive help. Thank you for the consideration."

Boy: 18 years old

"I started viewing pornography at 11 years old thinking it was the best thing I had ever found. I started viewing porn on a weekly basis and the addiction became worse over the years as I started viewing more and more hardcore stuff. I was constantly trying to find the roughest stuff I could. Eventually I stopped going out with my friends and would pass on social opportunities, I became very anxious about things and just had a constant feeling on embarrassment as if everyone was judging me. Then I found a sub-reddit on reddit called NoFap which was all about not masturbating and giving up porn. I had a look at the videos on there and it all made sense about why I was feeling the way I was. So lately I have been attempting to give up porn but I am finding it extremely difficult. Every time I relapse I just break down I can't take it anymore I just want to get my life back. The thought of suicide has even crossed my mind but I have never attempted it. I'm just looking for some help to beat this addiction I can't do it alone.

Thanks."

Boy: 18 years old

"I'm so young and I can't stop watching it, I tried to stop several times but I keep on falling. I need help"

Boy: 18 years old

"I have been badly addicted since I was around 10 years old. It's ruined lot's of things for me. I've been trying to quit for the past 4-5 years, and I've just ended up worse. Porn is ruining my life, I really want to quit watching porn more than anything else in my life right now. I want to be in control of this part of my life."

Boy: 17 years old

"Because I really want to fight this addiction, it has made me really lonely, as I have no parents and not enough money to pay for this, I lost my one and only love because of porn, it killed my ability to love again. I need to know what love feels like again and I think porn addiction is my only problem, so please I beg you, give me this scholarship."

Girl: 20 years old

"I have wanted to be free of my addiction for years and have tried to stop on my own by going cold turkey and it hasn't worked. Almost everyday I wish I had never been exposed to porn in the first place so I wouldn't have these addictions. I feel lost and hopeless but I have faith that one day I will be able to overcome my addiction."

Boy: 19 years old

"I need help. I just cant stop from watching it. No one know that I am watching it. so its hard for me to get rid of this. I started to feel depressed for it. I almost give up until I meet this cool website. please help me. there are no others who can help me."

Girl: 17 years old

“not allowing me to focus at all and easily frustrated. feeling depressed. anti social. extremely low self esteem and poor body image. feel like I need surgery to fix myself.”

Girl: 17 years old

“I have struggled with this addiction for several years and know that I need extra help if I am going to kick this and move on with my life. I am only 17. I don't want to go to college with this struggle and have to deal with this when I am married. I want to live a happy life free of this burden. My dad has signed up for this and we are going to kick this bad habit together.”

Boy: 18 years old

“I'm in a desperate need to stop myself from going further in this non existent world of mine that filled with pornography, and I believe the Fortify Program can help me taking a step further in avoiding pornography and masturbating”

Girl: 14 years old

“It's honestly ruining my life, I can't stand lying to people I've tried so hard to overcome this "addiction" on my own but it's been 6 years and if you don't help me I honestly don't know who will.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I believe that I could benefit from this program highly. I have been addicted to porn for as long as I can remember and I am sick of this habit ruining my life. I cannot go a few days with porn because anytime any unwanted stress appears I turn to porn to alleviate temporarily. I have had trouble with my dating life that I would like to progress in. I have not been able to see women in the same way, porn creates an experience that is hard to find anywhere else but I want to separate this from reality. I want to move on with my life and be part of the movement to fight the new drug. I would love to give back to the program in the future if I can get back on my feet and learn what life is like without porn once again.”

Boy: 19 Years old

“Because I want a change in my life. Before I knew about this program by a coincidence, I felt lost and without an exit. Now I know that I'm not the only one that have this addiction. Being sincere with myself, I discovered a big problem that I have and I generated dependence. I thought being attracted to porn was something that goanna stay by my side all of my life. Now I understand that there 's an option to be free.”

Boy: 20 years old

“Because pornography is destroying my relationships with women and its destroying the sanctity that marriage holds for me. I'm not a functional human being because of it.”

Boy: 15 years old

“I believe that I should be selected because pornography is something that comes back in my life even when I commit myself to stop. Sometimes I stop myself from viewing pornography for a month or two and because of a single picture I saw in the TV or computer, I get addicted again. I see myself that I get depressed after watching porn but still can't seem to stop. Even when I know some of the affects of pornography, I still can't stop viewing pornography. Because of this disease, I find myself getting more depressed, sad, easily angered and I seem to be making wrong decisions in life which causes me to lose concentration, become less social and can't make the right decisions in life which would make me go forward in life. I feel that I can't bring myself to tell anyone at home to tell them about my problem. Slowly and slowly, I feel as if this problem is eating me away and I can't seem to do anything about it.”

Girl: 13 years old

“I want to stop pornography from coming into my life and taking over. I would also like to stop because I want to succeed in life and I think if pornography could take my life over. I also don't want the same bad things in drugs in me by watching and seeing pictures of porn.”

Boy: 16 years old

“I want to change. I've been addicted to this for over 6 years and it is ruining my life and my relationships with others. It's making me hate myself.”

Girl: 15 years old

“I've been dealing with this for over almost 3 years now, and I cant seem to find a way to stop. I don't feel as if I can talk to anyone, because they wouldn't understand, and would judge me for it. I don't feel good enough or worthy to do anything anymore. My church means everything to me, and im going against everything believe in every time I go back. We had an assembly at my school a little bit ago, and this seemed like my last chance.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I have been struggling with this addiction for so long. Denial, anger, depression, relapse, all a by product of something I have lied to myself about, trying to convince myself that it is beneficial, that it is taking making my life and my perception of reality more enhanced. Quite the contrary, it has become my life, I have become completely enveloped in it and have let it define me as a person, and I am tired of letting it hold me back, tired of letting it control my life, my future, my dreams, and me.”

Girl: 15 years old

"I want to be able to conquer this. Porn has changed how I act and how I feel. It has made me struggle in school, with family, and friends. I feel alone. I feel like if people knew about it they would hate me. I have tried countless numbers of times to stop and have had no success. It first started when I read an pornographic story on a site that doesn't allow people to post those kinds of stories, but does a poor job of restricting it. I didn't understand that what I was doing was "sexual" I just knew it excited me and made me want more. It lead to me looking up "sex stories" online and then being linked to video's and pictures. It wasn't until a few months after I had started that I found out that what I was doing was wrong. I learned through church and in sex ed classes at school that I was doing something terrible. I knew that my religion didn't allow for such pleasures, but yet a search everywhere to find something that would tell me it would be okay. From that point forward I felt like I needed to stop but I couldn't. I still can't and every time I break down and watch/read it I feel terrible, useless, and dirty. And I want it to end. I want to be able to log onto my laptop, knowing that I won't get sidetracked and watch. I have been trying for so long to restrain from doing it but I break my promise every time and when I found a link to this site I thought it would help. I hope it will because I truly want to stop, because I don't want this to still be affecting me by the time I graduate high school and on to the years of having a family. I want to feel pure and free again and although I will not be able to change my actions in the past I hope you can help me reroute my future. Thank you."

Boy: 17 years old

"I know that looking at porn is bad and not only does it hurt the people on this side of the screen but also on the other however despite this reason of human right I still give in to the temptation and find myself masturbating to it. It sickens me and makes me feel like I'm not a good person"

Boy: 18 years old

"I am a high school senior who just graduated and is looking at the rest of my life thinking, I need to do better than I have been. Pornography has been with me from an early age and I have finally reached a point where I am thinking it really has to stop. I have tried to stop before, setting dates for myself saying, I will be done by this date or else....whatever. It never worked and I really need some way to learn control of myself. That's why I came here, because I really have no where else to turn to be able to overcome this addiction."

Boy: 18 years old

"I would really like to get away from pornography. I mean, it's killed plenty of the relationships that I've had and it just doesn't benefit me or the people around me."

Boy: 19 years old

“Since I was in the 7th grade and was handed a free school laptop that some person on some committee thought was a good idea to hand kids, I've struggled with sex addiction. It used to be maybe at least twice a day pornography was a need. After a lot of refocusing spiritually, I've come to peace with the trial it creates; however, as a missionary, it's my duty to live in purity for others, not me. I cannot fulfill this calling if this chain continually trips me up, even if it's just once or twice a month. I'd like to give the program a try; freedom has tasted so sweet I'd hate to lose it.

Boy: 19 years old

Being given access to this program would greatly benefit me and hopefully break free from such a disgusting addiction/habit. I remember when before I was introduced to Porn I was very confident, happy, outgoing, sociable etc. but now I seem to be stressed most of the time, down, depressed, not outgoing as much, I am nervous around some people, I have lost some of my confidence. This program would help me get back on track and keep me focused on my goals as I know such a thing as watching Porn can affect a person psychologically and can alter people's belief, attitudes and views towards women and how women are treated. In all honesty, I hate this habit/addiction of mine and I would like to get rid of it as soon as possible so I can live a normal life. Thank you”

Boy: 20 years old

“I'm looking to free myself from this incredibly time consuming and mal-nourishing habit. I've noticed an extreme attitude change in myself over the years, I was much happier back then before this habit started, and I'm afraid that with time it will only get worse. I am willing to do what it takes to break away from this bad habit for as long as it takes.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I know I need to stop. I have tried a lot but I always end up going back to it. whether its after a few days or a week or a few weeks. I just cant seem to move on from it. I have been following you on social media for a while but always thought this was simply to raise awareness and didn't know about the program until now.

I have tried Tony Litsters program and read Pamela Pauls pornified in an attempt to fight this. I have used various programs and tools to remove all explicit content. I just cant seem to get rid of it. Yes I am addicted to this. But the worst part is that there is no one to talk to. Alcoholics have support groups, drug addicts have support groups but if a porn addict asks for help, there's nothing available. No support groups or meetings or anything like that.

I don't know if this program will help get rid of my addiction. But what I do know is that ill keep on trying with one thing or another. again and again.”

Boy: 15 years old

"I have been struggling with addiction for far too long and I'm really just sick of it, I'm depressed all the time and feel like I can't really get to know people or get to know people because I have this lie in my life. All I want is to break the chains holding me back so that I can be a better person and feel good about myself."

Girl: 20 years old

"I have been struggling with it and don't know how to deal with it because I am afraid to talk about it. It's embarrassing and I just want it to be over with."

Girl: 16 years old

"I've been trying to stop for about 5 years. I don't do it constantly or everyday, but it's definitely a struggle. When I join programs, groups, or a big movement like this I am very committed. I think this will teach me a lot of discipline, I'll find love and strength with myself and others, and I will see more in my life than I do now. No one really knows I'm doing this or I'm trying to stop. I just really want support, love, and help to stop."

Boy: 19 years old

"I'm really concerned about my future. Pornography is affecting my behavior. I'm becoming very lazy and losing interest in physical activity. After watching pornography I'm often left depressed. My life is starting to fall apart and I don't know how to fight back pornography. I can't go to anyone as it is very embarrassing to reveal this humiliating deed of mine to anyone. Please help me!!"

Boy: 17 years old

"I have been struggling with my addictions for well over ten years. I started when I was very young, not even seeking it out, or comprehending what it was. It was an accident that I saw it, but I liked it, so I sought after it again. It took me about eight years to finally confess to someone that I looked at that stuff. I kept telling myself that I'd stop tomorrow. And when I really did try to stop, I couldn't. I have actively tried to stop for about two years now. I'm currently in a church sponsored twelve step program. But I don't have any friends. I don't really trust anyone. My parents were abusive, and I don't talk to them much. I have always been very introverted. And that hasn't helped my addictions. It's led to depression, and the failing of several relationships. I found the "Fight the New Drug" fan page on Facebook. I have followed a lot of your stuff and it's motivated me to try even harder to make a change. I'm a musician, trying to make it big. One thing that I think is unique about me is that I'm not afraid to address issues that seem taboo in our society today. Some of my songs are about pornography, and are very against it. Some of my songs are about abuse. I want very much to help those struggling with the same issues I do to get past them. But in order to do that, I feel that I need to get past them myself. I've fought this for so long. I'm ready to stop hating myself. I'm ready to feel worthy of the love of my friends, and my loved ones. I'm ready to be free of my addictions and I'm willing to do whatever it takes."

Girl: 15 years old

“When I was younger I went to church every Sunday with my parents learning about God and how to be a better Christian. As I grew up we went less and less. There was a change in preachers and I needed to spend a lot of time on my homework. I still heard stories about God at home and believed in him. Now how it all began: It was the summer when I was 12. I received a magazine from my mom. It was one of those "teeny bopper" magazines and it advertised a site that you could go on and write stories and read others. 12 year old me thought that it sounded awesome to be able to share my writing with the world so I used our family computer and looked up the website. I went on and for the first few days I just read a few books, but then it lead me to the first thing I had ever read something pornographic. The site was suppose to have censored out stories like this, but it was so big that it would have been next to impossible to have done so. I read this story and when it described the scene I began to feel something "down there" it gave me the best feeling I had ever experienced. At the time I didn't know what I was feeling was an orgasm because I had not been taught sex education yet. So most days I would go on and try to find another pleasuring story. I became curious because I had never seen a male's area before and with reading the stories it made me want to know. I looked it up on YouTube and found what one looked like. When the site I had been reading these stories from started monitoring its material more carefully. I went on Google and searched "sex stories" from this search arrived a whole new endless amount of this pleasure I was receiving. On one of these sites was a link to videos. I clicked on it and viewed the free material. It gave me more pleasure than the stories and faster too. It wasn't until I was searching for more that I came across an article talking about how it was wrong for Christians to masturbate, watch porn, and have premarital sex. After reading this article I felt dirty. I realized what I had been doing was wrong. I tried to stop numerous times, but it never worked. I have been trying to stop for months now. I found your site through a YouTube video on "How to stop watching porn" and I decided to check it out. I hope that I will be able to receive help because trying on my own has not been working. The longest I have gone was 1 week. I pray at church to help me stop and to forgive me for what I have done. This addiction, that I didn't recognized I had until I found I was unable to stop what I was doing, is something I really want to over come. Thank you, Isabella Peterson.”

“I really want to get better. I am a very socially awkward person and I started to wonder what I have done to become socially awkward. Then, I found about this movement against pornography.

That made me realize the reasoning why I am so socially awkward. I can't look people in the eye, I don't remember the last time I didn't have an awkward conversation with someone, and sometimes people eventually just ignore me. I also obsess over a lot of things, including people.

I am done being a victim and I want to start taking control of my life because it's my life. Plus, because of this, I have done some things that pull me farther from my relationship with God, and my relationship with God means a lot to me. I really hope this program will help me.

I fell it is also a little harder for me to overcome this because I am a male and I am attracted to other males. I think the viewing of pornography has made this worse for me. I do not want to act on this attraction for guys because it isn't worth it for me, God means more to me than that.

I just really want to get better, I feel like I have so much potential, but this is holding me back. I will not let myself get pinned down so easily from now on. I am ready to stop being that awkward kid, and I'm ready to take control of my life.”

Girl: 16 years old

“I have tried so hard to looking at porn, but I can't. I've blocked the sites on my computer and phone, but I just keep on finding new ways to view it. I know how bad it is and that it is having a negative effect on me, but none of that knowledge is helping. It's against my beliefs and those of my family and close friends, but I still can't stop. I need help.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I first saw pornography at 10 in a magazine, and it has been downhill ever since I have quit multiple times but every time I thought I was in the clear those temptations would take hold and I would be involved again. I am now 18 and I just want to be clean. I don't like the way it makes me feel, it feels good for those short moments but after that I feel just wrong. I noticed when I would view porn my relationship with my family would slowly deteriorate, I have great faith that this program can help me, and I ask you to please help.”

Girl: 16 years old

“Pornography is slowing destroying my life, spiritually, emotionally, and even physically as I'm become obsessed with body image. I've been dealing with this pornography addiction for three years now and I'm so tired of trying to stop, but I just don't know how. I've reached a point where I don't even want to try anymore because I don't see a way out. I desperately need a program like Fortify to help me find that way out.”

Girl: 18 years old

“I’ve been struggling with this problem for a very long time. I first encountered pornography when I was 9 years old, before I really understood how evil it was. My addiction seems to be linked with stress and/or sadness, and it pops up when I’m feeling particularly vulnerable. I’ve been doing better, but I want to be able to say that it isn’t a problem for me any more. More than anything else in the world, I want to be a mom. I want to be able to face my children and tell them that I am stronger than any addiction, because pornography is the worst addiction that anyone could ever have. This program appears to be an incredible way to help people of all ages and genders who suffer from this addiction, and I think it’s great.”

Girl: 18 years old

“I am committed to beating this addiction that has been making my brain sick - I know I think differently since I began regularly using porn and I want to change. I’m a girl and I’m afraid to talk to anyone in person because it’s so taboo, especially in my Christian circles. I really feel like this program is relevant, well put together, and my best chance at getting through this to the other side.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I have been fighting for eight years against masturbation which lead to pornography. During the past eight years, the longest I could go without masturbating was about one week. No matter what I tried I would relapse and mentally berate myself for it each time. I’m not exactly sure why but recently I have been able to go about a month between each time masturbating. However, many of my dreams are filled with sexual fantasy, more so than before, and I think I still masturbate somewhere between wakefulness and sleep. I have sexual dreams so vivid that I am not entirely sure whether I am awake or not.

I have tried many things to overcome this addiction. I need this program to give me an extra push so that I do not relapse this month and can continue strong for the rest of my life.”

Boy: 20 years old

“I have been struggling since I can remember. some nights I can't sleep if I don't watch and masturbate. my viewing have escalated though the years and now I can only get off by watching incest videos. I want to stop, I don't like the man that it's turning me into. I've tried multiple times to stop cold turkey but it never works.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I am vaguely interested in quitting wanking, because I think it'd make me more motivated to find a real relationship, and I think it'd make actual sex as fun as it

should be. I don't particularly mind either way, but I'm up for quitting, I just don't have the motivation."

Boy: 17 years old

"Well, at first it started with curiosity. I liked girls, a lot. I was in the restroom in seventh grade and I got an awkward erection thinking about this girl I liked. Then I wondered how it felt like to have sex and then I was out my hand down there and did it. Then a good feeling started coming up and bam! I was amazed of what I could do to myself. For next days, I kept doing it, for which I didn't know it did harm or was against my religion. Well I went to a talk one day and one of the speakers spoke about the evil of masturbation. I didn't know what that was so I looked it up. Then pictures of people doing that came up. I looked but then nude women came out and I clicked on the link. When I saw the videos and pictures, the erection came back and I did it again. I kept doing it for 5 years telling myself it did no harm to others. I would stop for days, weeks, and months trying to not do it since I confessed it, but the feeling was so good I could not resist, and the women were really attractive. Then one day, I matured and realized what I'm doing doesn't affect others, but me. I felt like it was holding me back and that I could not continue with life. I wanted to progress but I would choose porn over friends. I've been wanting to stop but it's difficult. I finally got the guts and asked a friend for any advice and referred me to this program, since his son had the same problem as me. I've been dealing with this problem for 5 years and I'm afraid this will start affecting my education (which has a bit), my relationships (I had a couple but I didn't watch porn during those times), and family. I also want to have that good feeling again of being pure of heart. I dislike being hypocritical when people ask me for advice on things being related on how to be a good example and person. I'm done feeling guilty, I want to progress and I hope this program will put an end to my addiction."

Boy: 18 years old

"I've dropped out of school, work, social life, everything. every day is the same and I am becoming extremely violent, depressed, and anxious. I am 100% certain that porn and masturbating is what made me so fucked and I want my innocence back. I want to believe in something in life other than porn. I need help if it isn't too late yet to get my life back on track."

Boy: 18 years old

"I have been struggling with this addiction for a few years now. At first it didn't seem like a big deal but now its turned into something I just cant stop myself from doing even if I try to. I hate being stuck in this cycle. I want to have a healthy married life when I'm older and I need to get away from porn."

Boy: 19 years old

"I just don't want to deal with this alone anymore. I don't have anyone to help with this problem and I am sick of it controlling my life. I just want to be able to go through a week and not feel like I am detoxing from a drug."

Boy: 16 years old

“Watching porn is a bad habit, and I want to get rid of this bullshit. And I wish I could be the same person as I was earlier. And moreover, for a teen, arranging money for treatment or any program is a quite a bit difficult. And same is in the case of mine.”

Boy: 20 years old

“I’m a young newlywed, and believe I’m developing erectile dysfunction due to watching porn. I’ve tried to stop but been unable to.”

Boy: 17 years old

“I feel like pornography is a very addicting disease that has grasped my life. I started at a very young age and saw some things that gave me pleasure, pleasure that I was hooked on to this day. If I don’t get help soon, I feel like my life will be headed in a path of self destruction. I am determined to stop yet I find myself back at square one every time.”

Girl: 19 years old

“I am a medical student . pornography destroys my life , destroys my brain . I want to cure from this addiction , to be free , to change my life . I believe that I can be a good doctor and help many people but porn stands in my way and destroys my future . thank you . Another thing I signed up before with the same name but wrong e mail , sorry”

Girl: 16 years old

“I really probably shouldn't. I don't think I can stop. I am just starting to realize how repulsive pornography really is, but it's like my security blanket. I don't know if I can stop.”

Boy:16 years old

“School personally, my grades aren't as high while viewing pornography. If I was in college, which would be where that was one of the biggest temptations, I think having a scholarship to get me into the program would be essential.”

Girl: 15 years old

“Frankly, I need it, and I can't afford to pay for it online since my parents don't know. I've been battling this addiction for years now, trying to do it on my own, because I was so ashamed to tell anyone, but today I relapsed, and I realize that I do need to tell someone. Everyone thinks I'm a goody-two-shoes, and I want to be who they think I am. I want to help other people, but I can't even do that when I hate myself. I really need this, please.”

Boy: 19 years old

“For almost a decade, porn has influenced my life greatly. It's taught me to think unrealistically about what it means to have an intimate experience with a significant other, to the point where the actual act of sex isn't satisfying. Knowing that porn has the same effects to the brain when compared to physical drugs and that my sex life can be ruined for the rest of my life truly sickens me, and if I can help reverse how porn has affected me through Fortify... Then let's do this. I'm finally ready to make the change.”

Girl: 14 years old

“I've been struggling with porn addiction. It keeps me locked in my room for half an hour every 60 minutes. I really hate it! But it makes me a lot more sexual. It puts me in a weird state of mind. I first searched kissing at age 7 Then it lead to lesbians kissing at age 8 soon it escalated to hardcore porn and masturbating at age 14. I hate it. I think weirdly anytime someone says something that could relate to porn. People might start spreading rumors if I'm to addicted. I have to delete history.. It changes my personality almost. Pleaseeeee HELP HELP HELP.”

Boy: 19 years old

“Porn has cost me many things in my life. One of the most important things to me was playing basketball in high school, but because of my intense need for the intense immediate pleasure that watching pornography gave me I was unable to focus on my studies and subsequently I was unable to play for the four years that could have been MINE. I always wonder how good I could have been what I really could have become through basketball instead of a porn-addict.”

Boy: 20 years old

“I consider myself to be a fairly successful person in almost all areas of my life-- work, school, and athletics. I work extremely hard to get what I want and I believe this is reflected in my grades, advances in the workplace and pure dedication to sports. I have cut many vices out my life to get where I am, such as, excessive video game use, and illegal drug use, to name a few. While I have been able to completely eliminate many addictive vices there is one that I cannot seem to quit. Virtually everyday I tell myself I will quit masturbating and watching pornography, yet I almost never do. I firmly believe this is affecting my social life-- more specifically my dating life. I have no confidence when it comes to women. That is the least of my worries. I don't want to be the kind of person who says one thing then does another with their eyes. I have been unsuccessfully trying to quit for 4 years. I feel the only way to quit is through getting support from a program.”

Boy: 20 years old

"I have tried to quit for many years now and have not been able to by myself... I have set up programs on all my devices but I have always found a way around them. I am currently married and want to stay faithful to her but I have never reached the bottom of my addiction and I need help."

Boy: 19 years old

"I am 20 years old and I have problems with my sexual life because nothing can touch me any more. I watch porn about 2-3 hours in a day. I watch every day the updates and the news and I caught my self waiting for a scene or a movie too release many times. I think I need help because I don't believe that if I stop watching porn will solve my problems, I think I need something more than this."

Boy: 17 years old

"I am currently gay, 16, and find myself beneath the chains of pornography and masturbation. I will not stop without help. My parents are unaware of my addiction, and them finding out would be detrimental to their acceptance of my sexuality as a matter of love and not lust."

Girl: 19 years old

"I have been struggling with an addiction to pornography for roughly 3 years. I was really glad when I discovered a few of my friends also have this problem, but they don't seem to be very proactive about doing anything about it. I want to go through this program so that I can tell my friends that it works, and be able to better support them through their battle."

Boy: 19 years old

"Because I just need help. I have tried to conquer this on my own, and even people have tried to help mi. think if I was part of a program that helped me develop better habits and kick it once and for all. I've read the articles your site has put up about pornography. I feel awful for what I have looked at, and it has to stop. When I conquer this, I want to tear down the porn industry-I don't know how I will do that, but it needs to end. It has practically made my life miserable, and is destroying countless others. Some of my friends have fallen into it to, but not because they were looking for it, but because they came across it. Porn is not a "one" time thing. You see it once, You WILL see it again. Sorry for the rant. I really just need help and I just cant seem to beat. It has been 8 years with my fight with porn."

Boy: 19 years old

"I am a wreck. I have been living under the curse of pornography since I was twelve years old, and I don't know where else to turn. Porn is amplified for me because I have a foot fetish, so even innocent images on the computer can lead me back to porn. I am a slave to the computer, and while I have tried vigorously to stop myself, I simply need help. Please, help me become free."

Boy: 20 years old

“Because porn ruins my life. I can't get a hard on with a real girl anymore. Its been a year since I had an orgasm in real. Also I need more hardcore porn to get excited, which scares me... I tried to stop few times but it never worked then I started to look for help and found your YouTube channel. It looks promising. Help me, please.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I believe that I should be selected for this opportunity because I have a strong desire to rid myself of pornography addiction. I'm tired of the way that I've been for the past 5+ years because of this addiction. I've never had any confidence talking o girls and when I would talk to girls, I would never try to move to a romantic relationship because I just felt so shameful for what I've done. For example, I missed an opportunity with the girl of my dreams a couple of years ago because I didn't think it would be fair to her to date someone like myself.”

Boy: 19 years old

“I am addicted to pornography and need help defeating it. It is detrimental to my mood, attitude, religious beliefs and overall internal satisfaction. My problem is escalating and I know that I need help. I have read numerous researches about porn addiction and they describe the different phases an individual goes through. I am going through these phases and cannot let myself continue to go down this path. From this program I would like to gain more discipline and self-control. I want to beat this habit.”

BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE AT THE 2019-2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**TO BE ATTACHED AND INCLUDED
AS PART OF THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

Purpose: testimony of a mother of a murdered traffick victim who connects pornography to human trafficking

**DECLARATION OF THE FOUNDER OF MOTHERS AGAINST TRAFFICKING
HUMANS**

I, Glendene Grant, declare under the penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 USC sec 1746 as follows:

1. I am over 18. I am a citizen of Canada. I attended Cariboo College and was trained in computers at the Academy of Learning. I have worked for computer technology companies. I have worked for a private investigator in a security firm. I do not have a PHD or JD, but I have a much more important title that follows my name- "M.O.M." I am the mother of four daughters and four grandchildren. My precious and wonderful daughter, Jessie Foster, was trafficked from Canada to the United States by trick when she was just 20 years old, and has been missing since March 29, 2006. Jessie was prostituted by force and perhaps even murdered in your Country. Consequently, I founded Mothers Against Trafficking Humans (M.A.T.H.). I came up with the name M.A.T.H. after thinking about Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (M.A.D.D.), the tragedy that mother endured, and the huge changes in drinking/drugging and driving that came from it. The disappearance of my daughter at the hands of traffickers has caused me and my family to suffer immeasurably. Part of my way to cope with this tragedy is to dedicate my time, talents, and resources to fighting modern-day slavery and sex-trafficking so that other families will not suffer the pain that I have had to endure. I am determined to do everything I can to disrupt and stop the human trafficking epidemic, and pray that God will use this tragedy for good. The United States is largely responsible for encouraging the demand side of human trafficking, as it grossly abuses freedom and refuses to enforce straightforward obscenity laws against device makers, who are the helm of creating a platform for human trafficking to thrive. The device makers should be subjected to display laws and their products have pre-set filters in place that can only be removed, if the purchaser takes the steps to show proof of ID and is of age, just like someone purchasing a pornographic magazine has to do, by law.

2. As a mother, the value of the lives of our sons and daughters is much more than the money scheme that the device makers have in bedding down with pornographers and hiding behind first amendment claims, which is merely a euphemism for license to promote selfishness, can no longer fly. The legislators should agree, in thinking like a prudent parent. There was no freedom in the forced prostitution and disappearance of my daughter.

3. In British Columbia, Canada, prior to 1979, homebuilders were not required to sell homes with tire detectors. Then after enough homes burned down and people died in fires, Canada

required that home builders, not the homeowners be required to build all homes with fire detectors. Now, in Ontario, Canada, since November 2013, carbon monoxide detectors are mandatory in new homes. These policies save lives. Why in God's name would the device makers named here in this lawsuit not be absolutely required to sell their products with pre-set filters? If that policy had been in place since in inception of the internet my daughter might not be missing right now. In running M.A.T.H. I see that there is no question that pornography is hugely connected to human trafficking by providing to the "demand" side. I am by no means against technology, but I am ardently against the downsides of technology that is, in part, responsible for the victimization of our families and daughters. This is no game. Marriages are ending. People are going missing or worse. Suffering is widespread. The device makers are guilty. I beg this legislative body to exercise justice to end this out of control situation caused by the greed and arrogance of device makers, who think that their brand name allows them to trample on human rights themselves. Make no mistake, the device makers have blood on their hands for creating this platform, knowing of the damage that their porn distribution network has caused, while failing to take proactive measures to make their products safe for consumption.

4. I have taken on speaking engagements from Coast to Coast up here in Canada, as I share my daughter's story. I speak at schools and churches regularly. This includes conferences like the Anglican Church's human trafficking conference coming up in November, Crime Stoppers events, the Catholic Women's League, Soroptimist International and many other events with organizations.

5. I would like to tell this legislative body about my daughter Jessie. She's the kind of kid .. that parents liked their children to be friends with. I never got a call from any parents or teachers, police officers, or stores that Jessie had done anything wrong. She went to Bible Camp every summer when she was younger, then she liked to go to tanning booths, take hip-hop dance lessons, and she loved doing her friends' make-up. She was a Brownie and a Girl Guide. She wanted to grow up and maybe be a make-up artist and hair-stylist for "the stars." She is very talented. She is so unique, so precious, and so promising. She is my daughter. My heart. And she has been missing for over 8.5 years.

6. Jessie is my second oldest. She was 20 when she was taken to the United States by a "so called friend," who was really just a recruiter for human trafficking. He took her from Canada to Las Vegas. She was going to stay there till her 21st birthday. While in Vegas, she given/traded/sold to a pimp/human trafficker connected with the recruiter. When Jessie went missing we hired a private investigator. He uncovered that she was forced to work at an escort service. Medical reports from a hospital showed that before she vanished, she had her jaw broken, and was hospitalized. If she was voluntarily working at an escort service, why would she have had a jaw broken? The answer is that she was forced into sex slavery in the United States to

satisfy the demand that filterless devices have greatly encouraged. Before all of this, my Jessie was an honour roll student; she had never been in trouble - EVER! Everybody who knew her could never picture her having anything to do this crime. The evidence uncovered show that she was a victim of "love bombing," fraud, and sex crazed American culture, whose moral fabric has been assaulted by the unregulated distribution of hard-core porn on laptops and cellphones that at all times is just one click away and impossible to avoid. It is totally unjust, totally dehumanizing, completely unfair, and downright murderous. This legislative body cannot stand for this kind of thing.

7. Before my daughter went missing and I founded M.A.T.H., I was completely naive about human trafficking and could not possibly believe that it would happen in North America, which is supposed to be the world leader in morality and human rights.

8. After Jessie vanished, I was devastated and simply did not know what to do. I contacted an Assistant Professor of Law in British Columbia, Canada, Benjamin Perrin, who authored "Invisible Chains: Canada's Underground World of Human Trafficking". The law professor explained that Jessie's story was a classic case of human trafficking in Canada. Jessie's story ended up in the book. Jessie is now considered the "poster child" for human trafficking in Canada, and it has a direct connection to the United States.

9. One day, I was talking to mother, Lisa Brandt, whose daughter, Shauna Newell, had been rescued, after she had been sold to a man in Texas for \$300,000 and was about to be sent away. Lisa was thinking the exact same thing that I was in stating an organization to combat trafficking because our families had been directly impacted by this growing problem. The two of us came up with the same name, M.A.T.H. The slogan I came up with was "Do the math." When there are 27 million victims and they make up to 8 million dollars a year on some of these girls, doing the math is easy. Before forming M.A.T.H., Lisa became sick with cancer, and she has not been able to help. So, I founded M.A.T.H. on my own.

10. On October 22, 2014, the Lifetime Movie Network released a documentary on Shauna's story called "Relentless." There is not going to be a movie about Jessie because there is no happy ending here. There is no ending, period.

11. E! Entertainment did a documentary called "Young, Beautiful and Vanished". Jessie's story was one of 15 women featured in the documentary. After Jessie's disappearance, Nancy Grace did special in called "Find 50 People in 50 Days" which included Jessie's case. There have been dozens of other publications that have covered this matter. Jessie's story is discussed in over 10 books.

12. Many survivors of trafficking that I interact with call me "Mama G." Because I am Jessie's mom, they feel a connection with me. They feel like I am their mom. Because they want a parent who cares. The victims of human trafficking I work with are like my children.

13. Once I got a call from a person who thought that he saw Jessie in a porn movie.

14. Here is a common progression I have seen in fighting human trafficking: girls are taken to another country due to false promises and coaxing. The girls are then taken to hotel rooms and raped. The rape is videotaped. Then the traffickers/pornographers threaten to post the video online and make sure their parents friends see it. They use shame to hold these girls hostage and beat them down to the point of brainwashing them into believing that they are trash and worthless. When this law passes, this pressure point would be drastically stripped from the hands of traffickers.

15. Beyond the threat of posting pornographic material on-line, the threats go much deeper. Before the pornographic predators get them in a position where they can be extorted, they get to know all about the girls. They learn about their families, their home address, and so forth. Once the girl is forced into prostitution, the pimps tell the girls that if they try to run away or report the matter that things like "your sister will make a great replacement" and "we will kill your parents."

16. There have been countless people who have contacted me and said that Jessie's story saved them. There have been countless mothers who have contacted me to say that their daughter is in a similar situation as the one Jessie is in.

17. As stated before here, pornography is completely tied to human trafficking. Yet it is not just tied to the demand side. Pornography is the gateway for trafficking the victims. The first step is taking a picture. Then the trafficker places it online in order to "sell" the victim to johns and predators. There is also forcing victims to "work" at strip clubs and escort services. As soon as the women want out, well ... that is where the broken jaws and more (often worse) come into play.

18. In running M.A.T.H., I have seen cases where young girls in Canada have committed suicide after having their naked pictures placed online. Pimps would threaten "I'm going to show this to your parents." When the filter law passes, these kinds of suicides would be prevented and lives would be saved.

19. Pimps and traffickers advertise to provide porn like experiences. The device makers willingly advertise this message. Teenagers and young male adults are masturbating to porn on

their cell phones while in the shower. This makes them desensitized and de-programed. These users grow up wanting to have "real-life porn"- prostitution experiences, which, for many, can lead to more victimization, death, and crime. Porn poisons the human heart and brain. It gives the wrong impressions. Men watch porn on their filterless cell phones and laptops and think that the women are enjoying it. Porn spreads false permission giving beliefs. The viewer thinks that the women are choosing prostitution. Prostitution is not the world's oldest profession; it is the world's oldest oppression.

20. "What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas," yeah right-not on my watch. What happened in Vegas is that my daughter was forced into prostitution to meet the demand of depraved sexual voyeurism that filterless devices encourage, when she tried to escape her jaw was broken. She was then taken somewhere. We don't know where. Maybe she was even murdered. The legislature has the opportunity to do something about it in an unprecedented way as this case presents. I ask that this legislative body supports this law for the sake of my daughter and everyone's daughters.

21. In order to pass a Bill into law in Canada, the Bill goes through three readings. I recently testified before the Justice Committee to discuss Bill C-36.

22. I recently appeared before the Senate committee to speak on behalf of Bill C-36. The Senate will likely pass the law. Then the next stage of approval will be Royal Assent and be entered into our Criminal Code of Canada, and become law. It will become "Jessie's Law".

23. ONce , the amount of incidental contact with pornography will be greatly reduced. I have a personal experience with that. After Jessie disappeared, a friend of mine said that I should create a MySpace profile and do some social networking through MySpace. I typed in "myspaces", not "myspace". This error led me to highly graphic porn. This incident happened while I was at work. These porn images really stay in the mind of the viewer and leave an impression. I hate to think of the number of laws and work regulations I broke by encountering porn through a misprint Fortunately, my employer was understanding and knew that I was only looking for Jessie. But who were the people behind "myspaces" targeting? Teenagers and young adults, who use social media, obviously! The filter law would help solve this problem.

24. I relish at the idea and vision of this law being turned into a legal reality. The bank of pornography that is stalking us should be placed behind a shield. That way laptop and cell phone users will have a choice as to whether they want to interact with pornography or not.

25. Two laws have come into effect in Canada involving sex trafficking. Member of Parliament Joy Smith penned two of these laws. The first law dealt with the mandatory minimum sentencing

for trafficking a minor. The second law has two amendments. The first dealt with charging persons with threats in relationship to trafficking even if the offense is committed outside of Canada. And the second amendment was the enhancement of the definition of exploitation in the trafficking in persons offence. The third Bill on the table is "Jessie's law." After this states and federal Congress passes a filter law, I will work to have that same law put in place in Canada.

26. The Device makers are inescapably guilty of failing to warn and for fraudulently passing their products off as family friendly, when they are encourages or sexual voyeurism. I beg this legislative body to give a voice to my daughter Jessie, who was trafficked into the United States itself to fed the demand that the filterless devices continue to inspire.

I declare under the penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 USC sec 1746 the above statements are true and accurate.

Glendene Grant Oct. 27/14

GLENDENE GRANT MOTHER OF JESSIE FOSTER AND FOUNDED OF M.A.T.H.

BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE AT THE 2019-2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**TO BE ATTACHED AND INCLUDED
AS PART OF THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

Purpose: a top tech expert who testifies that the tech companies have the technology to comply with the Human Trafficking And Child Exploitation Prevention Act. Testimony that explains that the manufactureres and retailers of the products that distribute the internet have closed systems and that they are in the best position to install filters and maintain their quality over a third party filter company that lacks the insider knowledge.

SECOND DECLARATION OF FOUNDER OF THINK ATOMIC RALPH YARRO

I, Ralph Yarro declare under the penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 USC sec 1746 as follows:

1. BACKGROUND:

I am Ralph Yarro. I am over 18. I am currently a resident of Utah. I am the Founder/CEO and chairman of Think Atomic, Inc. an early stage venture accelerator and incubator of technology firms. I was previously chairman of the board and the largest shareholder in the SCO Group, Inc. and CEO of The Canopy Group, Inc. From 1995 to 2004, I worked directly with Ray Noorda as part of the Noorda family companies, ultimately serving as president and CEO of The Canopy Group, Inc. I supported and/or served as Chairman, Board member, or Trustee of many of these companies, including: Altiris, Angel Partners, Arcanvs, Center/7, Caldera, Cogito, ClearStone, Cerberian, DeviceLogics, Direct Pointe, Digital Harbor, Data Crystal, Expressware, Embedix, Fat Pipe, Geolux, Helius, iArchive, Janus Logix, Keylabs, Learning Optics, Lineo, Linux Networx, Luxul, Maxstream, MTI, Mediphis, MyFamily.com, Net Schools, Nombas, North Face

Learning, Perimeter Labs, Planet Earth Tools, Profit Pro, Power Innovations, Smart Bomb, Surf China, Traxess, Troll Tech, ViaWest, Vintela, Vinca, Vultus, WrenchHead, Willows, and many more. I hold a BA from Brigham Young University, and studied computer graphics at the University of Utah. I believe that I qualify as an both a technology expert and pornography expert, given the years that I have spent in fighting this matter. I ask for the Court to afford me with expertise deference.

2. In short, I have been working in the Technology industry for more than 15 years, running venture funds and venture capitalism. I have been involved in the filter business through my investment portfolio for years to include investing initially in companies like Content Watch, Net Nanny, K9, ect. The intent of these businesses was to help find clean experiences when putting the devices created by the defendants in use. My investments include network trafficking management technology.

3. **A SHORT OVERVIEW:**

I began engaging in the war on pornography in 2003. I ramped up my efforts considerably between 2005 to 2010. I started by investing in third party filtering technologies, but realized that there could be no silver bullet and that, at best, only the device makers could custom develop a filter that would actually be effective. Third party filtering is predicated on irrational thinking - scapegoating the parents is part of a greed driven agenda. Third parties that do not have the insider knowledge of closed systems to develop technology that will adequately hold the bank of pornography that lies in wait for them at bay is a failed solution. In 2006, I spent years fighting Internet pornography with CP80, pushing for state legislation to move all mature content to a

different port than the standard HTTP port 80. On March 13, 2007, Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr. held a ceremonial signing of House Concurrent Resolution 3, which urged the U.S. Congress to pass stricter anti-Internet pornography legislation. The CP80 foundation, a long time Internet pornography foe, was directly involved with the legislation. Its Internet pornography solution is part of the resolution. I have been pushing for extending the legislation making ISPs responsible for content on open wireless access ports. I was pushing for a top level down domain solution as well.

4. After forming Think Atomic, I spent a substantial time in Washington at hearings and meetings. I traveled all over the world giving presentations in family forums regarding the solutions we were developing. I gave presentations in Egypt, Tunis, Brazil, Mexico, and Google's campuses during McCain Run. I spoke at Catholic Churches, Evangelical events, Focus on the Family, Morality in Media events, and so forth. I met with Countless Congressmen and Senators, to include Senator turned Vice President Joe Biden. I was a member of the the Online Safety and Technology Working Group (OSTWG) in submitting reports to Congress.

5. **BY THE END:**

By the time I scaled back my efforts to fight pornography in 2010, I had spent well over a million dollars of my own money. I had spent a quarter of a million dollars in financing the movie "Traffick Control" alone. I believe that my experiences demonstrate my extensive knowledge of the of the harmfulness of pornography, the positions of the technology companies, and the viable solutions. I have worked with teams of people and scores of individuals, and put in untold man hours in carrying this fight for the betterment of all families, all marriages, and for the good of mankind. But I during the years I carried this effort, I could not really find

Congressional members with enough backbone to give me what I was seeking in light of the merciless efforts of lobbyist sponsored by the device makers and software companies. The momentum was not in my favor back then, but that has changed. By the time I scaled back, I felt like I was literally fighting the United States government and doing so by myself. To add insult to injury, there were literally a select few "so called family groups," who I was looking for to garner support from, who went out of their way to thwart my efforts. They saw my initiatives as a threat to the status quo to the point where their financial model was threatened in the same way that technology companies were. To make matters worse, I found myself fighting an allusively fantom, ICANN, who is the pentacle of evil in this scenario. Thanks to Obama's anti-American and calculated decision to allow ICANN to move overseas, holding ICANN - which is the really choking point in this equation on many levels - accountable has proven difficult. By the end of it all, my fight against pornography had naturally led me to dark door steps of cartel driven world of human trafficking in Mexico. (After all, lets not kid ourselves, the evidence is overwhelming that pornography and human trafficking are interrelated. One feeds the other, which the Defendants know, profit off of, and manage not to care). In working with others overseas, I had uncovered information about sex trafficking clearing houses in Mexico. I took this information to the FBI. There was potentially a way for my tip to be traced back to myself. In response, the FBI told me that I was "done" in this fight. Given the overwhelming danger that I myself and my family had been placed in, I followed law enforcement's advice and scaled back and the unjust burden placed on individual to filter the defendant's products remains with us at the great expense to individual and collective health and welfare.

6. I now cast my support with the Plaintiff and ask that Court award the Plaintiff a preliminary injunction and summary judgment in his favor. The device makers should not be allowed to burden their customers with the obligation of filtering. The device makers should sell their products with customer designed preset filters that are set to make a reasonable attempt to automatically block pornography. The device makers should warn about the dangers of accessing porn on their products. To be clear, I remain an ardent believer in the "top down domain .xxx mandated system" and the "portal zone ISP" solutions. I will explain these non-exclusive options as well below. I believe that all three of these solutions must be implemented, starting with device filtering system, since it is in keeping with the ongoing debt in this matter given the existing flawed framework. The idea of requiring device makers to sell their products with preset filters to remove the burden of self-censorship off of the purchaser is a notion that our society simply cannot afford to do without given just how bad the public health crisis has become. If requiring the device makers to sell their products with preset filters adds requisite pressure to zone the internet through different portals and finally reigns ICANN under control, then that is a major victory for the health of the United States and humanity at large.

7. In hindsight, I think I got in the fight against pornography a bit too early. None of the powers that be really wanted to listen because the visible evidence of the fallout had not made its way into the public eye to the extent that it has now. My audiences were simply not sophisticated enough to be responsive one could say. Yet, now that the internet is everywhere and human trafficking is in our face, the "lets wait and see" arguments dastardly floated by the device makers and ISPs is falling flat. It is time for judicial responsiveness because of the breakdown between Congress and the executive. This case could serve as the much needed catalyst in curing

the personal injury of an individual who is indirectly representative of millions of people who have suffered because of the intentional collaborative union to maximize profits at decency's expense.

8. FOUR TRIGGERS THAT GOT ME INVOLVED IN OBSCENITY WARS

FIRST TRIGGER: ARTICLE: The Plaintiff asked me to provide the reasons that I decided to get involved in this fight. There are really four primary triggering events. The first occurred when I read an article about human trafficking back in the early 2000s in National Geographic. The article really hit me. This article unquestionably appealed to my convictions to help the oppressed and suffering. I decided that I need to try and do something. I could not believe there was a sex slavery industry. After all, evil is allowed to exist in this world because good men do nothing in to stop it.

9. **SECOND TRIGGER: SENATOR HATCH:** The second triggering event took place at a meeting with Secretary of Labor Chao, under George Bush, and Senator Hatch, which I and 15 other groups attended. At this roundtable meeting, Representatives from HP, Microsoft, and other device makers were present. Senator Hatch assembled us to pick our brains on how to best boost the economy through our technological initiatives. During the question and answer section of the meeting, Senator Hatch began addressing the problem of stealing music, intellectual property infringement, and so forth. Then out of of nowhere, Senator Hatch brought pornography into the discussion. The Senator directly stated: "those of you in this room, who can do something about pornography, and do not will be held accountable." It was clear that he meant business. This was another triggering event that compelled me to want to get involved in this fight because I have tremendous respect for the Honorable Senator Hatch. If a Senator asks me to use my time and

talents to do something to help the greater good of the Nation, one can be certain that I will do everything I can to be responsive. Senator Hatch is a man of strong character and good will. He is a leader forth following.

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. But it should not escape the Court's attention that I am from Utah. I am a close friend and supporter of Senator Hatch, who is currently on the Senate Judiciary Committee along with Senator Lee, who is also coincidentally from Utah. In the event that the Court hands down the injunction - as it should - I will be inclined to press Senator Hatch to pass blanket filter legislation that will cover all device makers. All device makers, not just the ones named here, should be required to sell their products with automatic filters, so that religious persons, parents, schools, and so forth, can have an actual choice as to whether porn can access them. I will continue to press the zoning of the internet and top level down domain solutions, but the Plaintiff's filter demand will likely be pressure point to bring all of these solutions into existence. The legislature needs an excuse to act. The Court should give it to them because the big technology companies have done such an extensive job of confusing the public on these matters in believing that "censoring porn is censoring freedom." Its ridiculous.

11. THIRD TRIGGER: DEATH OF A FRIEND: The third consideration that compelled my responsiveness against porn was that I lost a friend, who was engaging in this fight along side of myself, which really pushed me over the edge. Since I had Senators, telling me to do something about this porn distribution problem that the device makers have unleashed onto our society, I recruited two of my friends, who are experts to help create solutions. These individuals were

Allan Smart and Rob Tenerow. The two paramount solutions we created to clean up the online experience were (1) "portal zoning of the internet on the ISP level" and (2) top down domain names - .xxx solution. These solutions were so final that technology companies within our portfolio began giving us major push back and unjustly antagonizing us due to their extreme anti-censorship values. Because of different pressures that fell on Rob Tenerow that related to his involvement in this fight to protect families, he ended up taking his own life. This was the final straw that propelled me into action in this fight. In memory of Rob, I wanted to come up with a viable solutions to solve the porn epidemic plaguing our Nation, which has continued to escalate what amounts to a sexual holocaust.

12. FOURTH TRIGGER: QUALIFIED I decided to take on the fight against device maker pornography because I felt uniquely qualified based on my experience with technology. ISPs and device makers want the public to believe that the internet is too complicated to figure out. Like classic bullies, they use intimidation. The truth is that the technology involved here and the internet is really not that complex. The device makers, ISP, and ICANN want the public to believe otherwise for their own selfish reasons. They want the public to think that the internet is this complex cloud, when it is not. This is especially true in the area of zoning the internet and portals. Additionally, I am Christian. I serve in different capacity in my church. I am a champion morals, not because I am merely some unreasonably legalist. I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, which I make no apology about, and I understand that we are spiritual beings and that being moral in response to God's benevolence is rational. Furthermore, in working with my church, I have had countless acquaintances who have lost their family and marriages, and who has suffered incredibly as result of the abundant and accessible hardcore pornography made

available on filterless devices. It was a combination of these considerations that compelled me to open my wallet and heart, and to pursue these matters with vigor and resolve. From 2005 to 2010 that is exactly what I did. I developed a team translate a vision into reality of making pornography harder to access in meaningful ways while in step with the legal precedent. We began with a cash infusion to start Think Atomic to develop viable solutions with teeth. I hire many people from Canopy Group, who worked under me. Canopy Group in Utah was the number 1 venture capital firm hands down. We netted over 600 million of proceeds annually. We have 168 companies in our portfolio. No one questioned our ability to have success in technology development. Yet, I did not know that I would be involved in this fight for over five years.

13. One of the members we brought on our team was a law professor, Cheryl Preston, Reuben Clark Law School. She was worked to move us ahead from the legal standpoint. She wrote the proposed legislation for the state and federal level regarding "zoning portals" and "top level domain" strategy. There were a number of law review articles on this subject. (See exhibit).

14. IDENTIFYING THE THREE COMPLIMENTARY SOLUTIONS WITH TEETH: (1) ZONING THE INTERNET TO DIFFERENT PORTALS REGARDING ISPS; (2) TOP LEVEL DOWN DOMAIN SOLUTION THROUGH ICANN; AND (3) REQUIRING THE DEVICE MAKERS TO SELL THEIR PRODUCTS WITH ACTIVATED FILTERS;

15. SOLUTION ONE: ZONING THE INTERNET THROUGH THE AVAILABLE PORTAL SOLUTION AT THE ISP LEVEL. The best solution that we found to keep the porn online at bay was "internet zoning" through portals on the ISP level. Not all of the ports on the

interface boxes provided to the homes are being used. The ISPs, like Verizon, Comcast, AT&T, ect provide connection boxes with multiple ports available. 99% of the users only use two ports. While, the internet is made up of over 65,000 ports, we reasoned "why don't we push to have at least some of these ports designated into different zoning areas with legislation that makes zoning required?" Namely, the music zone, film zone, and porn zone must be created to protect the monetization of "creative works" and "sexual health." The fact that not a single record has gone platinum in 2014 and the human trafficking epidemic are telling that the zoning option has to be embraced if we want to reverse these disastrous trends. "Obscenity" and "infringed creative works" are not even "speech" after all, they are "stimuli." And to the extent that they are not stimuli and are speech, they are not protected speech. The coding to make porn be zoned to a specific port is low but the reward to society is great.

16. I am pro-choice in one respect. I believe that it is a liberty interest for parents and adults to choose whether they want pornography coming into their homes. If the internet was zone through portals, then parents could decide whether they want these portals turned on and off. "Opt in opt out" scenario. If these portals were turned off, then porn could be blocked from coming into their homes. It is my understanding that city ordinances legitimately allow for strip clubs and other sexually oriented businesses (SOBs) to be relegated to the "hard to reach" and "undesirable parts of towns" because of the criminal activity and social health concerns they encourage. We reasoned that the pornographic content should be legitimately zoned to one of the available portals for the same reasons and on the same legal bases. The best question is why would any law maker be opposed to zoning porn and creative works to protect families and the arts? The idea of "internet exceptionalism" has proven to be quite ridiculous after all. The "we

need freedom to grow the internet” can no longer be taken seriously. Legislation could be passed to make this zoning into a reality, which would involve regulating the ISPs and ICANN, who control the portals. If a pornographer created content that came from outside of the zone, they could lose their domain name and be met with other financial and even possibly criminal penalties, which would make domain holders act responsibly.

17. Adult content would come from ports that the purchaser subscribes to in their home through a deliberate and intentional act. You can subscribe or unsubscribe, like flipping on a light switch - if you are of age. There is not as much of a filtering need in this scenario because the zoning opt out is the filter. However, the one two punch of device maker filters plus zoning the internet could greatly reduce the perils of open share model in the current toxic environment. ISPs are missing out on a business opportunity, along with the government. There could possibly be a sin tax attached to activating the porn portal, like paying for HBO. After all, there is a fallout on society by allowing people to access smut, which does not remain self-contained as the device makers and ISPs pretend. The private consumption of porn spills out onto society in a variety of adverse ways that is increasing suffering and antagonizing the superior currency of intimacy. Single parent homes, sexual voyeurism, increased sexual assault, increased unwanted pregnancy, and so forth are some of the fruits of the current system.

18. TOP LEVEL DOMAIN STRATEGY - MAKING ICANN ACT: Another strategy that we were pushing, “the top level domain strategy,” which goes hand in hand with the _____ filter demand here. Effectively here was the top level domain strategy: there would be a piece of legislation that required all porn sites to register “.xxx” not “.com, .net, or .org.” So for example, “barelylegalporn.xxx” not “barelylegalporn.com.” That is, “.xxx” registration would be a

mandatory requirement for any sites with porn pursuant to promulgated legislation through Congressional act. "Dot xxx" domain registration did in fact become available to the public. Yet, the problem was that porn sites registered ".xxx" while also keeping their ".com," defeating the purpose, since the ".xxx" was not a mandated requirement but simply another option. There could be legislation imposed that made ".xxx" absolutely mandatory. Why wouldn't Congress make it so, is the better question? In terms of enforcement, if the porn site broke the rules, and created a ".com" instead of a ".xxx", (1) the domain should be taken away from them by ICANN; (2) the violator could be subjected to civil fines; and (3) the violator could be subjected to criminal liability for repeat offenses even.

19. The top level domain system is an extremely low burden solution. Take "playboy.com" for example. Under the top level domain system, "playboy.com" does not need to be completely dissolved. Instead, Playboy could post all of their non-pornographic materials on that site. Such as sports articles. However, all of their pornographic content would have to be posted on "playboy.xxx."

20. By having legislation that requires all domain names that include porn to register under ".xxx," the device maker filters requested. ... could much more easily detect porn websites and could filter them out. Children and families would be better protected and the device makers could actually market their products as being "family friendly" with a straight face. The top level domain solution augments the Plaintiffs demand to take the burden off of the purchaser on to the device makers.

21. As it stands now, the device makers products are not family friendly as they falsely advertise. There is no doubt that a policy mandating that the device makers sell their products with filters combined with “.xxx” registration would go a long way towards curing the ills that pornography creates in our families, beliefs, and society in general. If the Government of the United States wants to sincerely fight the war on sex trafficking, the starting place is here - not by treating the symptoms by being harder on crime.

22. **THIRD SOLUTION: DEVICE MAKERS CHARGED WITH THE DUTY OF FILTERING AS THE PLAINTIFF DEMANDS:**

I completely support the Plaintiff's demand to require the device makers to sell their products with activated pre-set filters. It is the device makers' duty to sell their products in a safe manner, and under the current conditions, the device makers are exposing customers to dangerous and destructive content that threatens the very bonds that make up the backbone of our communities. If the Court awards the Plaintiffs request, it will not surprise me if it opens the door to realistic discussions on zoning the web and top level domaining.

23. **SELF-REGULATING INDUSTRIES:**

1. The idea of industry self-regulation, is not a novel concept. Radio stations are required to censor inappropriate statements made on air. Moreover, the music business had to self-regulate, in response to the outrage of concerned parents. Record companies began providing warning stickers on recorded albums that contained explicit language. Given the situation that Congress has placed itself in, I think it will take the Court to act to get the ball

rolling. Otherwise, the status quo will remain the same. And as we learned with the civil rights movement, status quos do not fix themselves without material responsiveness.

24. I am a proponent of technology. But I am an opponent of the downsides of technology. All of us should be - especially government leaders. It is easy to scale back and roll of the dark-down sides that technology presents. But it takes action. Avoiding these questions and hoping that the problem is merely going to fix itself is outrageous. Status quos do not change in the absence of deliberate and decisive action involving real leadership. ISPs should be charged with regulating zoning porn, music, and films to separate portals. Politics, for example, should never be zoned or censored. But porn and politics are not equal forms of speech. The idea of industry self-regulation is entirely sensible. A car manufacturer deserves to carry the duty to sell their products with seat belts. It should not be left to a car consumer to set out and guess which kinds of seat belts to purchase from a detached third party, who was not involved in the original transaction in the first place and who lacks insider information regarding safety. These are all matters of life and death in their own way. Safety should be an absolute paramount consideration of the Courts. We are talking about families here after all.

25. **THIRD PARTY FILTERING IDEA IS A COMPLETE SHAM SOLUTION:**

In fighting investing in detached third party companies to attempt to develop filtering software that could make the device companies products safe for use for children and adults both, I learned that the third party filter solution was never going to work. These companies do not have enough insider knowledge to be effective. Apple, for example, has a closed network system. This makes the efforts of an outside third party filter company who is hoping to develop filters for an

iPhone to amount to "impractical guess work." The current system is completely irrational, unfair, and damaging to the customers at every level on all fronts. The burden should be on the device company to provide the filters that are in place and turned on and crafted with insider knowledge of the inter workings of the machinery at hand. The prudent should not be pushed, the perverse should. The only way these filters should be deactivated is if the purchaser is over 18 and can show proof of ID at the retailer. The retailers of devices that connect to the internet should be treated no differently than a 711.

26. In fighting this issue, I have learned that pornographers and device makers want to force the conversation into the "least restrictive" first amendment box. The device makers and ISPs want to frame the matter as one of "free speech," so they can pretend that their malignant activity is an act that is consistent with liberty interest, when it is far from it. The device makers and pornographers have worked together to put the focus on "parental controls" or "self-accountability" - individuals are expected to muster up enough will to overcome hardwired biology. At least half of the population, males, can attest that they are stimulated visually. The Defendants have shifted the blame on to parents, playing the "let's blame parents game." This strategy is grossly unjust, unfair, irrational and an unreasonable misdirection predicated on distortive lies to perpetuate greed at the expense of society as a whole. The technology sold by these device makers is an essential part of their children's lives. It is unrealistic for the parents to monitor their children 24/7. The laptops and cell phones sold by these device makers are portable. These products by their very nature are designed to be next impossible for parents, teachers, and authority figures to monitor. Plus how can adults monitor themselves in the face of such extensive and aggressive temptation. Pornographers and device makers want the burden to

make the devices safe to be relegated to third parties, who will have next to an impossible time developing a universal solution to make. The device makers are the distributors, they are the beneficiaries of the content, they should be responsible for the impact of the content that is found inside of their products.

27. The truth is that most of the third party filtering companies that I have worked with would love to be put out of business because most of them started with the sincere intention to protect families. Not maximize personal profits like the device makers.

28. THE TRADITIONAL MONEY MAKING PORNOGRAPHY INDUSTRY HAS COMPLETELY SHOT ITSELF IN THE FOOT BY NOT EMBRACING THE THREE SOLUTIONS AND TAXABLE INCOME OPPORTUNITIES ARE BEING MISSED:

Now I would like to appeal to the "sense of selfishness." What was really ironic is that in hindsight is that the primary beneficiary of "device maker filtering," "top level domain solution .xxx" and "portal ISP zoning" could have been the traditional adult industry that was actually monetizing adult content. The adult entertainment business completely ignored us in embracing the "open share model" to pornify the globe. Now, this industry has suffered because it has the same problem that the music industry does. Traditional pornography business models are "competing with free" in the same way that record labels are. This is creating a tinkerbelt economic model, and the idea of charitable handouts to pornographers is a bit unrealistic. The fall out of this industry relates to the amount of amiture porn that is not widespread and available. Take a channel like "youporn.com" for example. The amiture porn entities now outnumber the monetizing porn companies. Like with record companies, the economy suffers due

the inability to control, regulate, and leverage income from content. If the porn companies that make money would have embraced us they would not be suffering from the fall out of the amiture porn. They would not be suffering from the open share model." The amiture porn problem is degrading individuals in our communities, spreading false permission giving beliefs, cultivating regret, eroding sensitive, and undermining self-worth. This "wait and see;" slow approach has created a massive problem for the stability of economic models a multitude of industries. If the Court gives the Plaintiff an injunction, this problem will be scaled back.

29. OPEN SHARE MODEL HAS LED TO SEX TRAFFICKING:

The open share model has lead to the amiture porn epidemic. The amiture porn approach has spread false permission giving beliefs that has cultivated the platform for grooming someone's daughter for trafficking. The device makers have provide a distribution system that has grossly proliferated the demand side for human trafficking (see backpage.com adult section). The question is why are the few people who work as software makers, device makers, and ISP so special? The answer is that they are not, and there merciless exploitation of humanity must not be allowed.

30. "Porn last forever," as it stands on the open and share model. But the filter solution that the device maker champions could protect grandchildren from watching Grandma from having a sexual encounter with someone other than grandpa 50 years from now. Once a person makes porn, whether they know they are making it or not, and once it is upload, there is a horrible fall out for that person as they set themselves out on a road that leads to complete ruin short of radical intervention often times.

31. THE PROBLEM OF SOME FAMILY GROUPS REINFORCING AND THE NEED TO CHANGE THE CONVERSATION:

This resonates this me personally. There are countless family groups and anti-porn/trafficking groups who are outstanding and who are making a real difference. Yet, there are a select few who do more harm than good and are actually reinforcing the status quo, whether they know it or not. The porn industry and device makers wants family groups to talk about the porn problem in terms of "free speech." This is the conversation that they started. The porn industry and device makers want all the blame placed on parents and it be their fault, their problem, their responsibility. That is the message that is coming out of the unified pornography and tech camps that many allegedly pro-family groups merely echo and reinforce. Some family groups are playing the pornographers game by simply spreading awareness. My company "Big Atomic" came onto the scene, and we set out to really change that conversation that there needed to be viable solutions in place.

32. Take for example, you hand a young adult male a beer and say "don't drink it," and leave him alone. He will think about drinking it, given the sin paradox. If you make the beer hard to access and then tell the subject not to drink beer. There is a greater chance he will not; that is when education can be helpful, once their are obstacles and barriers in the way. The realities of human nature cannot be conveniently written off because it suits the financial interest of the device

makers to distort reality. This phenomenon can be summarized in the idea of “what ever you do, do not think of a pink elephant.” Of course, you first thought is of is a “pink elephant.” A robust filtering system created by the defendants would make the educational/awareness of the anti-porn movement actually be effective, not counterproductive. This has proven true in the area of tobacco, which is heavily regulated combined with a solid awareness campaign. The filter system that the Plaintiff demands is not focused on regulating obscenity, but it is centered on regulating mental health.

33. THE IDEA THAT REGULATING PORN IS NOT WITHIN THE INSTRUMENTALITY OR CONTROL OF THE UNITED STATES IS A COLOSSAL FICTION:

In meeting with different Senators regarding our solutions, we kept hearing that porn comes from outside of the United States, and we do not have control. That position is false. We developed new spy glass, and found that the majority of porn in the world is being generated in U.S.. The evidence showed that 84% of the porn on the web is being published out of the United States, which changed the conversation quite a bit with the Senators. We, “the United States,” are largely responsible for publishing the filth to the world. The Courts of the United States have a duty to be responsive to this disaster in the face of massive political breakdown. It is our duty as Americans to get more aggressive on a matter that is hurting us from the inside out and damaging families in other countries. It can literally be classified as national security matter. Our policies pose threats to the family integrity of would be enemies. We Americans are supposed to be the world leaders in championing human rights, not the world’s greatest offenders. By allowing device makers and software companies to abuse our freedom, we ourselves are becoming an international victimizer that poses a threats to families globally.

Awarding the _____ device maker filter initiative will shift the fall out onto the individual user. Of course, if porn is being produced from outside of the United States, the porn filters created by the device makers would block this material.

34. CURE COPPA: The Supreme Court in the COPPA case was concerned that the legislation would not be able to regulate pornography made overseas. The Filter solution proposed by the Plaintiff cures that consideration. Custom made filters by the Device Makers and ISPs would block pornography on the front end that was created and uploaded by content providers both foreign and domestic.

35. CHOKER POINT = ICANN:

For the “Portal Zoning ISP” and “Top Down domaine” solutions, we discovered that ICANN is the neck that needs to be choked. “ICANN is the Defendants baby,” and they are zealous in protecting it because they know it is a choke point. ICANN's ionna faction is managing names and numbers. We started putting pressure on ICANN and Obama allowed it to move overseas because he really does not have the best interest of America in mind. By the time we were going after ICANN, we did not have enough support. We submitted a charter and proposed solutions to ICANN that would improve the quality of the world in general.

36. The nature of ICANN must be considered. ICANN is made up of extremely liberal atheistic academics whose own sense of self-importance amounts to perverse religion of inferior ideals itself. These liberal academics are blinded by their own prideful jadeness and sense of superiority. ICANN is being used as a hammer to harm religion thanks to atheistic liberals, whose own pridefulness has convinced them that “they know best.” There is no one present representing religious and family values on ICANN and therein resides the problem.

Libertarians have done a great job of hiding ICANN and harming the very liberty interest they think they are advancing. Each Continent has a presence on ICANN. All ICANN type systems should have toplevel down domain naming and zoned internet in an environment where the devices are sold with pre-set filters.

37. THE DEVICE MAKERS HAVE THE ABILITY TO SELL THEIR PRODUCTS WITH ACTIVATED AND ROBUST FILTERS; TO SUGGEST OTHERWISE IS PLAIN WRONG.

Here in this case when it comes to filters, there is no question that the choke point is the device makers. The defendant device makers should be strictly required sell their products with pre-set filters that make a reasonable attempted to block pornography. The device makers themselves are in the best position to sell their products with pre-set filters that make a reasonable attempt to block pornography, not the individual purchasers, who are less tech savvy. The device makers have the technology and insider knowledge to accomplish this critical goal that would help push the world back towards innocence, while promoting human flourishing and maximizing utility. There are benefits of having a closed system. OS10 by Apple is closed and is arguably superior. However, because it is closed, they should be required to sell their products with activated filters, taking the injurious burden off of the purchasers, like the Plaintiff.

38. DOES THE PORN COMPACT EXIST? ABSOLUTELY

In my years of experience in this fight, there is no question that the technology companies have created a mutually beneficial compact/partnership/agreement not to censor pornography or abide by obscenity laws in scapegoating the internet. This is a maximization of profits by collectively agreeing to disregard obscenity laws, while wrongfully scapegoating the internet. The device makers named here know that pornography is addicting. Porn is effectively the nicotine

ingredient to their products. They want their customers hooked on porn, and therefore, dependent on their products. Some of these device maker technology companies will pretend to be against pornography. They may even support groups who fight porn, who have weak and non-enforceable strategies in fighting their distribution scam, who actually help spread the porn gospel. The device makers can then turn around and appeal to the public "see we are against porn." But when it comes down to it, the technology companies named here are the by far the most zealous proponents of the porn they distribute because they are the primary beneficiaries of a system that is causing the United States to be a serial violator of human rights, not just abroad but within our own borders. This is about unbridled greed.

39. In waging this war, it has been my experience and observation that the Tech industry does not want to be regulated at all. Whenever I have fought pornography from the technology side in public forums, it was never Larry Flynt and his attorney's who came to the fight, for example. It has always been Microsoft, Google, Verizon, and their attorneys, who have opposed the family groups. Without admitting it outright, Apple, HP, Microsoft, Google, LG, 4G are the true pornographers, who were the misleading mask of "family friendliness." "Wolves in sheeps clothing" is an understatement. History should not look on these groups with favor, nor anyone who allowed them to operate with impunity. There is nothing family friendly about these software companies in the same way that there is nothing "adult" about "adult" content which targets children pursuant to the same strategy that Tobacco companies, who also targeted children. The good news is that you don't have to be a Christian to see that nicotine is bad for your health. The same is true for pornography.

40. In fighting pornography in public forums, non-profit, non-regulated tech groups, who show up to fight. These groups were sponsored by the device makers. They are in bed together. I came to the conclusion that it was the tech companies, like the defendants named here, who are carrying this fight. Pornography groups do not even need to show up. They can remain lurking in the shadows because the tech companies have better advocates, the capital, and the name brand to fight for them surreptitiously, despite the harm it is causing our society. It is fraudulent misdirection at its finest.

41. Device makers and ISPs collectively subscribe to this libertarian philosophy of free and open, which has crushed families, fueled perversion, and cultivated a sexual holocaust. There is no freedom in that because porn offends the givenness of our nature. What they really mean by libertarian is that they have no problem exploiting others for under their seemingly spacious values, which accomplishes the very opposite thing it promises. Freedom is being eroded, not advanced because consumers are not given the freedom to choose to have a clean experience in using the products sold by ISPs and Device Makers. Yet, simply put, device makers and ISPs do not want to go down the slippery slope of censorship for their own personal financial benefit. The Device Makers and ISPs feel that once they are regulated in the area of obscenity that regulation in the way of music, movies, and print media will follow. However, with obscenity, we are dealing with human rights issues. We have a human health emergency. . .

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42. Based on my years of experience in this fight there is no question that the device makers know that the pornography they distribute is addicting. They wrongfully conceal that knowledge and want their customers hooked on porn and codependent on their devices. This entire scenario has countless parallels to the Tobacco situation. Addiction is good for business from only the device maker and ISP standpoint. Just as gambling is addictive and no physical drug is needed, so is the pornography that the ISPs and Device Makers distribute at will.

43. In fighting this tech porn war, I have worked in step with therapist, physicians, neurologist, and psychologist who have confirmed that the pornography that the device makers distribute is highly addicting, destructive, and subversive to mental health. There is an adverse alteration of the reward cycle in viewing pornography that leads to harmful biochemical consequences. The device makers are well aware of this and exploit that knowledge at the expense of the public health.

44. To see just how lucrative the distribution function of devices is I highly recommend that the Court allow the Plaintiff to subpoena Microsoft, Google, Apple's analytics on the use of porn consumption. Then, there will be no more question as to why the device makers have jumped into this action in defense of their collective porn distribution initiative. The Defendants are making a killing off of porn. The porn compact is real and so is the human trafficking problem as a result.

45. The mindset of the device makers in forming the porn compact can be summarized as:

“if we all elect to break the law by disregarding obscenity laws, then none of us will be held accountable.” This is like the scenario at Woodstock music festival, where 1,000 attendants all at once elected to jump the fence, knocking it down. When faced with the question of who to prosecute? The answer became “no one” because virtually everyone was in violation. However those days need to be a thing of the past; and the Device Makers and ISPs blaming the parents position needs to end. We need a stronger fence in the way of device maker and ISP custom made filters. This sexual holocaust we have on our hands is completely out of hand. Both parents and children have been left out to dry as they are faced with navigating a porn filled landscape where avoiding pornography is virtually impossible.

46. **THE “WAIT AND SEE” DEFENSE THAT THE DEFENDANTS HERE HAVE BEEN MAKING IN PUBLIC FORUMS ARE FATALLY FLAWED AND ARE NO LONGER PERSUASIVE.**

47. The Plaintiff asked me to explain what has been the primary argument that the defendants here have offered in defense of their positions in championing pornography in public in the matters that I have been involved in. The defendants have been pushing this “lets wait and see approach.” The device makers and ISPs have argued that the internet needs to be “free to expand and grow.” Those arguments are gone and have failed. We have “waited and seen” that the pornography that Device Makers and ISPs distribute at will is terrible for the public’s emotional, mental, reproductive, spiritual, relational health. By this point, the internet has made its way across the globe. The device makers and ISPs have made it that way. The device makers and ISP try to pretend that the internet is like a “plant,” and it “should not be caged.” The truth is that the internet is merely a part of sum. The sum is the device that turns on and off. Without the devices

sold by Device Makers and ISPs, the internet does not exist. The end result of the "Freedom" argument floated by the ISPs and Device Makers has made the Defendants accessories to a sexual holocaust that involves human trafficking, destroyed marriages, increased porn related suicides, increased sexual voyeurism, increased sexual assault in within the military, and an influx of individual who are questioning their sexual identity after repeated forced exposure to pornographic content that robs them of the very intimacy they long for in the first place. The Court should not be impressed with any "wait and see" arguments advanced by the Defendants and should impose the injunction as the Plaintiff has requested. This problem has gone on for too long and the public is ready for this change. Women, who are tired of being objectified, are especially ready for it.

48. Based on my expertise as a technologist, I can affirmatively state that consumers are going to still buy technology if the (1) device maker filter system; (2) the ISP portal zoning system; and/or (3) the top level domain system is imposed. I like the argument that the Plaintiff made in reference to Coca Cola. Coke was required to removed the cocaine ingredient from its products because it was harmful to the consumer. However, this imposition did not hurt Coca Cola's sales following the removal. The same will be said of the device makers if porn is held at bay. If the device makers and ISPs were forced to do a better job of regulating obscenity, then we would have less victimization, less suffering, and less crime. Product sales would not fall. The Device Makers, educators, teachers, authority figures, and political leaders must stop denying the reality that the current system is not acceptable nor is it working. It is yield crushing results. It is time to confront the truth of things, through actual responsiveness by the Courts.

49. **SIMPLE SHIFT OF INTENTIONALITY** . The burden should be shifted off of consumers who want to avoid viewing pornography and placed on the purchasers who do to be the ones required to take the extra steps to have access. The Device Makers and ISPs have a responsibility to consumers to give them the choice as to whether or not they want to be exposed to content that could hurt their relationships, mental health, occupation, and sex life. Instead, the Device Makers and ISPs patronizingly make the decision for the consumer and pass it off as “freedom of speech” to the public. The correct narrative is that the individual consumer is having their liberty interest eroded because Device Makers and ISPs refuse to give them the tools and the choice as to what content can access them, when using their products. The Device Makers and ISPs are cheating the public and hurting society on a massive scale as a result.

50. DID THE DEFENDANTS HAVE A DUTY TO WARN AND FAIL TO DO SO IN THIS CASE AND VIRTUALLY ALL OTHERS? YES!

Based on my experience in fighting pornography and due to my years of experience in technology, it is my opinion that the Device Makers and ISPs had a duty to warn the Plaintiff and all of their customers about the dangers of their products. As it stands now, it is more difficult for the consumer to avoid pornography than the alternative when putting the products to use as intended. Given the immoral and aggressive nature of pornographers, the idea of avoiding contact with porn on the products sold by the defendants is unrealistic. This imminent threat of exposure is both harmful and unjustifiable. Once the Defendants are enjoined, the Device Makers and ISPs should be required to provide warnings to customers who are of age and show proof of ID to have the filter deactivated. The retailer should serve as the holder of the password to have the filter deactivated in the same way that gas station clerk's are the key

holders to the barrier shields that cover the “girlie magazines” in their stores. The Plaintiff seeks an electronic barrier that will block all pornography on the front end. If porn content creators are engaging in tactics to get around the filters, consumers can notify the Device Makers and ISPs and then the Device Makers and ISPs can incorporate the content that has circumvented the filter in the next software update. The filters provided by the Device Makers and ISPs can make unintentional and incidental contact with pornography a thing of the past.

52. Device Makers and ISPs formed the porn compact because they have a deep rooted desire not to be regulated, even though Apple and Microsoft are in competition with one another, like Camel and Marlboro are. This does not mean that they have not come together and agreed not warn the public about the addictiveness of the pornography they distribute. Their internal analytics would establish their knowledge to that effect. The Device Makers and ISPs are following the “corporations unite.” Although Andriod and Apple compete, it they both do not want to be regulated. They both want to blame parents for the same reason that the auto-industry blamed the nut behind the wheel in order to not sell their cars with seat belts. The purchaser of a vehicle should not have to go out and buy a seat belt from a third party. The manufacturer of the car should have the sell their products with custom made seat belts. The same is true when it comes to the Device Makers and ISPs. Before a driver starts his car he has the option to put on the seat belt provided by the manufacturer. Before a consumer turns on his iPhone or Dell computer he should have the assurance that their are safety mechanisms in place that will block out obscenity and child pornography websites that could expose him to serious criminal liability.

53. The Device Makers know that their content if viewed at work or school could lead to devastating consequences - termination and/or expulsion. They know that the interacting with porn they distribute encourages sexual voyeurism. Although it is true that not everyone who looks at porn on the Defendants products will end up raping their neighbor, but there is enough evidence that enough people who are exposed to porn are going down a dark path of sexual voyeurisms and ending in prison with testimonials that mirror Ted Bundy's. The filters products sold by the Device Makers and ISPs are the portals that lead to a host of criminal conduct and damaging life style decisions that increase suffering throughout society. We as a Nation are less free because the Device Makers and ISPs refuse to give consumers a choice in the matter.

54. The same is true with smoking Tobacco products. Not everyone who smokes is going to get lung cancer, but enough people have gotten lung cancer to the point where Tobacco manufacturers are required to provide warnings for good cause. In researching prison incarcerations, there are countless testimonials of the inmate getting his start down a voyeuristic path of devastating criminality after being exposed to pornography. This raises the question who was ultimately being the victimization that followed? The answer is that any of us who do not stand against the Device Makers and ISPs at will distribution of pornography are. The device makers and ISPs filterless products place them at the helm of a systematic criminal enterprise. They are the zars of human trafficking.

56. DUTY TO WARN:

Any manufacture of a physical product that allows for connectivity or distributes the content on the web should carry a warning. Such products are like a box of cigarettes. The products provide harmful stimuli that is addicting. The Device Makers and ISPs products are like cigarette vending machines, and the seller of cigarette vending machines can be held liable for the harm caused by the content inside of the machine. The Device Makers and ISPs should not be treated any different. Under the "no filter" demand, if the purchaser wanted to have the filter removed, the Device Makers and ISPs should be required to provide the consumer with a warning. In creating the film "Traffick Control;" it was clear that the pornography creates sexual voyeurism. Pornography can lead to sexual identity crisis and have individuals questioning whether they are "gay, straight, or both." Such considerations are totally subversives to human flourishing and life itself. To fail to warn in the face of such devastating considerations is an extreme act of hate and cruelty towards one's fellow man.

57. MY INVOLVEMENT IN THE ONLINE SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY WORKING GROUP FOR THE 2007 CONGRESS - OSTWG:

The Plaintiff asked me to explain my involvement with the Online Safety and Technology Working Group. I was invited to be part of the Report of the Online Safety and Technology working Group (OTSWG) "Youth Safety On A Living Internet" that was started by George Bush in 2007 and ultimately disposed of by Obama in 2010. Our objective was to provide Congress with the impact of pornography on the United States. To my complete shock and horror, I

discovered through the process that the entire ordeal amounted to a sham. (Kind of like how Google pretends to fight pornography by doing little things here and there to make it look like they are against porn, when they really are not). Our efforts to provide information about the validity of censoring "pornography/obscenity" was itself dramatically censored because of the atheistic/liberal agenda that was at play itself that was predicated on greed. There was a reverse censoring taking place at the expense of family values. The entire ordeal was dogmatically controlled by liberals, who were sympathetic to LGBT values, and who have an emotional problem with Christian doctrine. The laws of the United States, to include obscenity laws, are predicated on Christianity because the principles in the New Testament are transculturally true. Without faith, there is no basis for morality, and with out morality, there is no basis for law. But my findings and research on why pornography needs to be censored on the front end on the products sold by the Device Makers and ISPs has nothing to do with faith but is predicated on the brain science of dopamine. Consuming pornography on filterless devices rewires the limbic system and reward cycle adversely. It deplete oxytocin and makes it hard to maintain meaningful bonds. Pornography consumption literally shrinks the brain and what it does to the developing frontal cortex of teenagers and young adults is terrible. Consumers should be given the tools to manage their own mental health.

58. At OSTWG, the tech companies and I were supposed to be addressing the harmful effects of porn and bring our findings to Congress in the form of a report. However, a representative from the Obama administration instructed us that were were not allowed to talk about the harmful effect of pornography, which was supposed to be the underlying point to begin with. Microsoft, Google, Verizon, and other self-interested groups were on this committee with me. It was

abundantly clear that their lobbyist were dominating the conversation. It is not by accident that my findings were literally relegated and pushed back to the final page of the report in hopes that no one would read my positions. I learned from that experience that the Device Makers and ISPs, named here in this lawsuit, here are in bed with pornographers and do not care about families, they only care about making money at all costs.

59. During OSTWG, we were only allowed to address one of four areas of internet safety; none of which really addressed the heart of the matter.

1. parental controls.
2. education.
3. storage.
4. reporting.

In terms of the parental control consideration, the same false rhetoric that is completely counter to the existing law and logic was at play - "its the parents fault." "Lets blame the parents game." That premise assumes that all parents are equal. The fact that the majority of parents voted Obama into office, who does not have the best interest of America at heart because of his flawed values, could amount to direct evidence of systemic questionable judgment of the majority of parents in existence at this time. To blame the parents in this scenario involving portable, handheld, devices that amounts to classic misdirection and red herring.

60. Furthermore, the very idea that the device makers sell their products to non parents amounts to a direct omission by the device makers that they are fully aware that their products are "adult" in nature and should be relegated and treated as the worse kind of SOB (sexual

oriented business), since they have the audacity to market themselves as "family friendly," when they know that their products are not. The fact that device makers sell their products with parental controls to non-parents was merely swept under the table as part of a pattern of dishonesty. The purpose of OSTWG was to appear as if child and consumer safety was being taken seriously by the executive branch, when it is not. The President does not care about families or children, he cares about catering to the Tech companies who provide him and his party with vast campaign financing. I have personally seen the tech companies pull together on these matters and reduce our Nation to a Democracy for sale. It is obscene. I hope that the Courts of the United States are not instruments of politics. By filing this action as a result of his personal injury, the Plaintiff is enabling the Courts to fix a break down in politics. Not only have the tech companies been able to dominate the court of public opinion with a false narrative about blaming the individual user, they have effectively held Congress and the executive hostage with campaign financing pledges.

61. The parental controls that come installed on electronic devices are completely inept and broken. The parental controls are more like a picture of seat belt than an actual seat belt. The default setting is that there is no password to activate them. The current parental controls are buried in the applications folder, hard to find, and not activated. These filters can only be activated and effective if the user creates a guest account. But there are no third parties who are the foreseeable beneficiaries of the sales contract. Only the buyer and seller have privity of contract. The Device Makers and ISPs provide no safety mechanisms for the buyer. The current parental control scenario more or less amounts to seat belts in the back of the car for the passenger, but there is no seat belt for the driver who purchased the car in the first place. This is

all because the Device Makers and ISPs want their consumers masterbating to their products and codependent on them to accomplish a form of escapism that is subversive to individual and collective human flourishing. The fact that the Device Makers and ISPs sell their products with parental controls is itself an acknowledgment of their hazards and dangerous condition that they put their consumer in. It is not too much to ask that the Device Makers and ISPs sell their products with these kinds of parental controls activated and that they serve as keeper of the password unless the consumer provides adequate consent in a face to face meeting that they want the filters deactivated. Why is it that a 15 year old cannot get in to see an R rated movie, but he can walk around with a miniature x rated theater in the form of a Motorola phone? All Device Makers and ISP products should be sold with filters that are removed if the purchaser is not a minor and wants them off. As it stands, the Device Makers and ISPs are engaging in a form of mental sexual exploitation of their own customers by not providing consumers with the fundamental freedom the option to choose whether or not to have clean online experience.

62. Additionally, at OSTWG, the duty to report and store pornography was addressed. But these considerations are avoiding the real problem we are faced with which is the free flow of porn on the open shared system, which has created infinite amounts of permanent amiture porn that hurts all of us. In terms of the reporting function, it was clear that the device makers, software companies, and ISPs have the ability to collect and store pornographic content. There were questions considered such as how long should the porn be stored for and whether or not to report. By requiring that the Device Makers and ISPs sell their products with custom made filters, the failure to timely report is mitigated to a large d..... miter.....

63. At OSTWG, I specifically recall that self-interested groups, like as Verizon, took the position of: *"lets give it some more time. Lets wait and see. Lets not do anything about the abundance, accessibility, and damaging nature of pornography."* The strategy of device makers and ISPs, like Verizon, is to hope that the general public will become desensitized to porn so that they can continue the unimpeded distribution of content at the expense of the public health and countless industries. They are trying to change perspectives because of their refusal to come to term with the nature of man and their desire to maximize profits at all cost.

64. Also, another fact about Verizon, after meeting with top Government officials in Mexico concerning the portal zoning solution, I met with Verizon back in the states about implementing the program for Mexico. They said "no." There was no way that I could make Verizon do what I was asking. I did not have any leverage over them at the time. By litigating these matters in Court, the Plaintiff is giving the Court the ability to remove the golden handcuff off of Congress so that they will be free to pass filter legislation, top level domain laws, and internet zoning. These laws will not just reduce crime,

65. During OSTGW, I remember butting heads a great deal with the "Democracy and Technology" general counsel, who masquerading positions in terms of "freedom," but the policies he was advancing were serving to advance trafficking. There are countless lobbying interest groups who are funded by the Device Makers and ISPs, who purpose is to keep them from being regulated at all cost.

66. The main thing I remember about OSTGW was that I felt completely censored and stifled. The true concern was not families, children, and consumer health. The true goal was for the tech companies to pretend to be concerned about the welfare of their customers, while maintaining the status quo. The entire ordeal was a ploy so that Washington could pretend to be doing something about human trafficking. Instead of talking out censorship, those of us who were sincere about developing solutions to protect the public's health from were being censored and intimidated.

67. SERVICE RECON TECHNOLOGY

The Plaintiff asked me to discuss "Service Recon Technology" that I was involved with. In the process of fighting the porn industry we found a specific need to provide to provide solutions for law enforcement. The porn industry they was imbedding child porn in their regular porn movies. Law enforcement was being conditioned and destroyed in having to consume porn to find child porn. To fight pornography you have to consume it. The law enforcement agencies burn out so quickly. They have to determine whether the content is child pornography or not. In one sense, I do not blame the Department of Justice for not doing more to prosecute obscenity crimes. The agents at the DOJ themselves become victims of pornography. It would be like asking a police office to snort a cocaine like substance to see if it was really cocaine. This is what I like about the Plaintiff's demands. Instead of prosecution, prevention is the focus. And not only that civil remedies can be imposed on the tech companies for not maintaining and updating their filters. Top level domain solution is also easy to regulate. If .com website starts posting obscenity on it, it could be subject to losing the domain name. The consumer would need to post obscene

materials on a .xxx website. Taking obscenity violations out of the criminal sphere and putting them into the civil one would be good for the justice system.

68. When I was at the Department of Justice, it was amazing to me to see how young the people who were working on porn cases were. This was because the burnout rate was so great. The agents had to be psychologically evaluated every two weeks. Some agents became addicts themselves. It is not completely surprising to me that in dealing with the DOJ now, they are handling child porn cases or nothing. Obscenity cases are not being pursued. This lack of enforcement of obscenity has created a lot of animosity towards the DOJ. But if the Court grants the Plaintiff's filter demand, the dereliction of duty committed by the DOJ in not enforcing obscenity laws will be mitigated to a large degree. The Device Makers' and ISPs' at will distribution program has created undue burdens on law enforcement.

69. We developed service recon so that law enforcement would not have to spend time looking for illegal porn. This technology was an image detection program, used to scrub Myspace.com contacted me about using it and demoed the program. They demoed the product. Myspace was detecting and deleting about 20 million images a day. Facebook has 160 employees who look for porn all day long on Facebook. At one point, facebook was interested in the software. Law enforcement agencies around the world still contact me about using service recon. The device makers can develop and implement custom made filters with impact. They are in possession of the technology to do so. As an investor in Content Watch, I can attest that third party filtering companies would be more than willing to partner directly with the Device Makers and ISPs to cultivate filter programs that would be effective.

70. The filtering system needs to be ratified and sanctioned by the Court so that families, schools, and enterprises who do not want the threat of porn entering within the zone of their controllable domain. Not only is such activity intrusive and violating a property right, such practices undermine one's ability to practice religious beliefs and maintain family bonds. The lack of a choice in the porn matter erodes personal and collective freedom and is the antagonist to liberty interest.

71. The portal zoning solution, the device maker filter system, and the top level domain program gives the Defendants customers a choice. As it stands now users can be ambushed by overpowering tactics that are crafted to lure and entice the user to engage with highly addictive pornographic content. This should all end. The Court should grant the Plaintiff's request and enjoin the Defendants. The Plaintiff and I will create legislation that will pass through the House and Senate that will regulate the tech companies.

I declare under the penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 USC sec 1746 the above statements are true and accurate.



Ralph Yarro

BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE AT THE 2019-2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**TO BE ATTACHED AND INCLUDED
AS PART OF THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

Purpose: a leading mental health provider testifies to the secondary harmful impact of x-rated material and prostitution hubs that are distributed by products that makes content online available.

DECLARATION OF Daniel D. Gray, LCSW, CSAT

I, Daniel D. Gray, LCSW, CSAT, declares under the penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 USC sec 1746 as follows:

1. I am over 18, and resident of Utah.

QUALIFICATIONS

2. I am a, LCSW, CSAT, is a licensed clinical social worker specializing in addictions counseling.

I have a Masters Degree in Social from the University of Utah. Certifications include:

Certified Sexual Addiction Therapist (CSAT); Certified Addiction Counselor with the National Association of Forensic Counselors.

3. I am the Co-Founder of YouthStar, an internationally recognized program for Teens and parents impacted by pornography addiction.

4. I am Co-Founder and President of LifeStar Network, a program which provides help for adult individuals and couples who are dealing with problems related to sexual addictions and compulsive behaviors.

5. My Publications include:

- 1) Co-Author of Confronting Pornography: A Guide to Prevention and Recovery for Individuals, Loved Ones, and Leaders.
- 2) Co-Author of Discussing Pornography Problems with a Spouse: Confronting and Disclosing Secret Behaviors.
- 3) Co-Author of more than 30 workbooks for individuals and couples struggling with Sexual Addiction.

6. I have been a long term member of the Board of Trustees for the Utah Coalition Against Pornography (UCAP). In that capacity, I have worked diligently to help educate individuals and families as well as impact legislative action in the State of Utah.

7. I maintain a busy private practice, lecturing regularly and providing training and consultation to numerous civic, religious, and professional organizations throughout the United States and Canada.

DECLARATION:

8. Those of us who work regularly with individuals and families who are impacted by compulsive and addictive pornography use, have many reasons to oppose the rampant access to pornography that is so prevalent now in our society, culture, families and homes. In the midst of all the debate around "freedom of speech" and a person's "right to choose", we cannot ignore how the use of these rights and freedoms are impacting the innocent victims of these choices. These victims are the children; children whose lives have been traumatized and devastated by the "choice" of parents to allow pornographic material to be brought into their homes.

9. Recently, a 14 year old girl and her parents came into our clinic for counseling. A couple of days earlier, while looking at her father's cell phone, this bright, beautiful young lady saw the very graphic sexual images that her father had recently accessed. She immediately went to her mother with this finding, hoping to receive some solace for her broken heart. Her mother did console her with love and understanding. However, later that day, she heard the loud argument that ensued after her mother confronted her dad about the pictures. For all of her life, this girl had idolized her father. To her, he had always been the beacon of decency, integrity, and loyalty. Now, her emotional trauma was obvious as she shared feelings of disbelief and pain, stating,"

How could this be? I don't think I know who he really is anymore. I'll never trust anything else he ever says. How could he say he loves us and do this to our family?" She also indicated that she felt guilt and responsibility for her mom and dad's fighting, thinking that she should have stayed quiet and never told her mom about what she had found.

10. Unfortunately, this is not an uncommon story. Other young people who are exposed to a parent's pornographic materials are impacted in other ways. Last week, two adult men seeking therapy for a long term pornography addiction, reported that their first exposure to pornography was by accidentally coming across their fathers "stash of porn". One, at 10 years, had found his father's magazines. The other, at 13, found his dad's porn files on the family's computer. Both men feel that these early experiences played a large role in their preoccupation with sex during their adolescent years, which later evolved into compulsive, addictive behaviors. These behaviors are now creating tremendous pain and trauma for their own children and wives. This is a multigenerational problem which adversely impacts young people's lives in many different ways.

11. Compulsive pornography use of a spouse often results in separation and divorce. The children in these families are then traumatized by the grief, pain and loss that children of divorce experience. Many families are also financially impacted when a parent loses their employment because of pornography use on the job. The stress and tension this creates is felt deeply by the children as they watch their parents' struggle and as their own sense of safety and security is put at risk.

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Daniel D. Gray, LCSW, CSAT

BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE AT THE 2019-2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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Purpose: Founder of Net Nanny, one of the largest filter companies testifies in support of the Human Trafficking And Child Exploitation Prevention Act.

DECLARATION OF Brent L Bishop

I, Brent L Bishop, am over the age of 18, a resident of the State of Utah, declares under the penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 USC sec 1746 as follows:

CREDENTIALS

1. Served as CEO and currently as Board Chairman of Content Watch Inc. (2003- current) An internet filtering and parental controls products company.
2. I Keep Safe Foundation Board member (2012-2014)
3. Utah Coalition Against Pornography Board Member (2010-2013)
4. Volunteer service provider at the Davis County Jail working with inmates (2009-current)
5. Father of Ten and Grandfather of 20

OBSERVATIONS, EXPERIENCES, OPINIONS

1. About 1979 my wife and I as a young married couple became the foster parents to a young lady who was 16 at the time. She and all of her sisters had been sexually abused by their father who was heavily involved in pornography. She tried to live a normal relationship but struggled along with her sisters. They had many different partners, had sex with several men at the same time.

They have lived dysfunctional lives, becoming addicted to drugs and alcohol, been homeless, and been shot, and spent time in Jail.

7. Since that time I have witnessed many, many lives which have become addicted to pornography. They are all, one hundred percent, unhappy due to broken trust in relationships, unrealistic views about marriage relationships which tend to objectify women, and act out on these addicted impulses. It has resulted in broken family relationships, seeking out satisfaction from prostitutes, all kinds of pornography including those featuring children.

There has been none of them who would not like to be free of this addiction.

8. One of our Content Watch employees became addicted, had to be let go and was later convicted for sexually abusing his own children and sentenced to jail.
9. As a company we regularly communicate with potential or existing customers wanting to get help with breaking free from theirs or a family members addictions. The struggle for many of them come at a very young age. I am aware of children as young as 8 years of age addicted to hard core porn.

We know that the average age of exposure to children is 8-10 years of age. Of those exposures 70% of them were unwanted and not sought out. It was the result of searching the internet without any or effective parental controls or filters. They would misspell a word or innocently use a search term that would result in pornographic exposure. It was older family members, extended family members, neighbors, friends or curiosity that generally exposed the remainder. We also know that the vast majority of exposures today come on smart phones, generally in their own homes, in seclusion.

It has been shown that when younger-aged children become addicted it affects their ability to function in school, develop normal family and social relationships, and tend to act out aggressively. They have a more difficult time breaking the addiction than if an adult became involved. It has been shown that overtime many turn to drugs and alcohol to enhance their experience.

10. At the Davis County Jail 85% of the inmates are addicts, generally of drugs, alcohol, and/or porn and sex. These addictions are recognized by the inmates as the source of their misdeeds. They, their families, and society are paying a large price.

It has been said that not all porn addicts become pedophiles, but all pedophiles started out as porn addicts.

11. I would argue that everyday there are thousands of new, first time exposures of porn to children. Every day that goes by without providing protection to these children they are on their way to becoming slaves to porn and sexual addiction. We as a society are very concerned about the enslavement of children into the sex slave and human trafficking industry as well. These children are being taken or bought by the traffickers because there is demand from pedophiles, many from here in the United States. We want this stopped now! There are many efforts to do so. But we also must make efforts to keep all children from being exposed and addicted and becoming slaves to the addiction. We know that all exposures do not result in addiction but way too many do. But 100% of them effect the way they view healthy sexuality and healthy social relationships. Therapists are inundated with these children with both these issues and the addiction.
12. I would use an analogy here. In the early 1900's there were only 5,000 automobiles in the US and about 100 miles of paved road. We have through the last 100 or so years developed rules and bounds and technology tools to make the transportation system in this country and other developed nations into the relatively safe and productive system we have. There are speed limits, traffic cops, guard rails, divided highways, stop lights, and all kinds of directional and safety warning signs posted on the roads. The vehicles we ride in have seat belts, impact absorbing frames and bodies, air bags, child safety locks and child safety restraints among other inventions now and on the horizon. Anyone who has traveled in many third world or developing nations has witnessed the lack of rules, or at least enforcement thereof, the lack of boundaries, the lack of safety features or use of them that result in death and injury that is otherwise unnecessary.
13. The internet highway is still maturing. We do not yet have these rules, bounds, and safety features built into its use. Technology is available to make it possible under most conditions to make its use safe to not only children but all who desire it. We would not think of driving a vehicle today without brakes and the other safety features available. And we would not play such sports as

hockey and football without helmets and pads. But yet we are allowing most of the children in this nation to cruise the internet highway without the basic safety equipment that should be required to use the technology. It is irresponsible of the equipment manufacturers that use the internet to make the many billions of dollars they do and those with the stewardship over our children to allow this to continue!

14. A major part of the issue is that the manufacturers have locked out those tools which could be attached after the device is purchased such as Net Nanny to adequately allow parents to monitor the use of the devices by reporting their activity and setting the appropriate rules and bounds. Apple's I products are some of the worst. With minor modifications within their operating code major tools would become available. So far they refuse to acknowledge this need and act with arrogance towards it.

I declare under the penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 USC, sec 1746 the above statements are true and accurate.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Brent L Bishop". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Brent L Bishop

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Comments:

The testimony of Lauren Dixon. A female who became addicted to pornography as a teenager as a result of the lacks of filters. The addiction adversely impated the trajectory of her life. This testimony is taken under oath and filed in support of the bill.

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*Purpose: testimony in support of the Human Trafficking And Child Exploitation Prevention Act
from a survivor of human trafficking, who connects pornography to sex trafficking*

DECLARATION OF SULA SKILES - SURVIVOR OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

I, Sula Skiles, declare under the penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 USC sec 1746 as follows:

CREDENTIALS

- 1) Survivor of Sex Trafficking
- 2) Licensed Minister

OBSERVATIONS, EXPERIENCES, OPINIONS

3. I have personally experienced the horrors of Sex Trafficking and have seen firsthand how pornography is connected. There are several ways in which pornography and Sex Trafficking are intertwined, but I will share my personal story and how porn was used during my captivity. I must say first, that certain names and locations are kept confidential for my own safety.

4. At age 20, I was a young and very new model in Los Angeles. Shortly after moving to the area and getting involved in the modeling scene, I was hired for a modeling job in another country. I immediately got mixed up with the wrong people. At the time I had no idea that Sex Trafficking existed. I was given a one way ticket and all expenses paid trip to represent the clothing line of a foreign billionaire (which was also being sold in the United States). When I arrived, I found out that it was not at all what I had signed up for. I found myself trapped in a nightmare and a victim of Sex Trafficking.

5. I was taken to his luxurious estate (with high level security) without any ability to leave. I was warned by one of the girls, that I had to be good and do whatever was demanded of me, or I would reap severe consequences. New girls were brought in almost daily at dinner time. We all had to be perfect little happy and perky sex dolls, forced to meet the sexual demands of this billionaire. It was very clear that we were his property. After dinner, he would pick who he wanted to take to his bedroom. I remember seeing two of those girls get tickets to go home. So, I found the courage to ask if there was any way that I could go home. I was told "No, I bought you as a Christmas gift for me and my girlfriend." Shocking! I was lied to, coerced and tricked into the world of Modern Day Slavery... Brought to another country, thinking I was given a

dream modeling job, when in actuality I was purchased as a sex toy... As a sex slave, without my knowing.

6. I did meet his girlfriend when she returned and had to fulfill what they purchased me for. They would tell me how lucky I was to be with them. They would often make statements that I owed them for my ticket and expenses of staying with them (even though I was offered a free ticket and all expenses paid). I now know this to be "debt bondage". They had one big problem with me... I laid there too numb and boring for their taste (obviously based on the trauma of what I was going through). This girlfriend began training me on how they needed me to perform. PORNOGRAPHY was used to teach me and groom me. They said "We are swingers and you must be sexually available to whoever we put you in front of." They wanted me to be like the girls in porn. They even purchased wigs for me. That was the example and standard. They discussed plans of traveling various places and began preparing me and brainwashing me. All with the pressure of seeing the images of the girls in porn, and having to be like them. I was taken on his private plane to 2 states in the US... And they planned to travel more. In all of the billionaire's luxury, I was trapped in a very dark, sick and lonely place.

7. This was the worst kind of trauma... It was so twisted and dysfunctional. I was so violated, extremely confused, lost sight of reality and constantly tormented in my mind and body. I was always in fear of being called into someone's bedroom. I had completely detached myself and stayed drunk to attempt numbing from what I was going through. It was like I was not myself at

all during that time... I saw a girl disappear once... Killed or given away for the sexual pleasure of one of the billionaire's friends, I will never know... All I do know is that I went to sleep staring at her luggage because she was gone without a trace and not coming back. There was no way she escaped. They did something to her, I could tell by the creepy smirk on his face when I asked about her. She was already scared before and there was nothing I could do about it. I knew that losing my life any day was a very real possibility. I was able to escape after three weeks of Trafficking by convincing the girlfriend that I would stay with her, stay loyal to her, love her and do anything for her, if she would just get me a ticket home to take care of some things. I got a ticket home! Most victims of Trafficking never find a way out. I blacked out the event for years while struggling with PTSD, stockholm syndrome, depression, suicidal urges, drunkenness, emotional and mental instability, and hopelessness. There is so much more to my story and what I endured. However, for the sake of the main point in the purpose of this cause, I will keep it short.

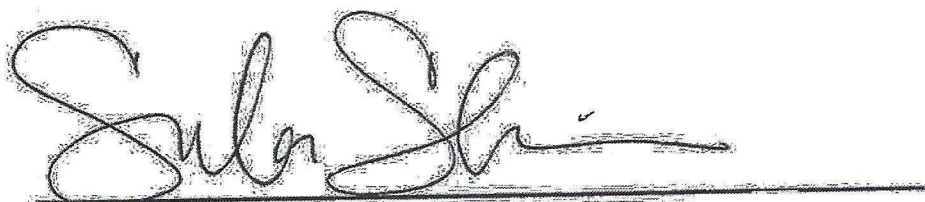
8. I will say that now, I have went through a miraculous healing journey! I have found freedom from the traumas of my life and have been radically transformed. I now use my story to help others find the same freedom that I found and to prevent others from the enslavement of Sex Trafficking. I no longer suffer from what happened to me and I have overcome many issues, shame, hurt and pain. For me, and I've seen this with other Trafficking Survivors as well, it was only through God's love and being believer of the Lord Jesus Christ, that my life has been renewed. (2 Corinthians 5:17) Now I am a licensed Minister of the Gospel and married to a Pastor. I live to help others find love, peace, freedom, healing, hope and a new start.

9. I am very involved in spreading awareness and prevention of Sex Trafficking. I know for a fact that if I would have known about Trafficking before I was lured into it, that I would have seen the red flags and made different decisions. I share those red flags with under aged youth in schools and groups to keep them aware and safe. Pornography is discussed as being connected with Sex Trafficking and the need to be very careful when pornography pops up on their computers or devices is one of the points in my presentations... There is no way to tell if the people staring porn are in fact being sexually exploited, abused and forced into the porn industry... Victims of Sex Trafficking. Another warning is that becoming a consumer of pornography at a young age heightens their chances of forming sex addictions and being customers of prostitution in the future... This obviously brings in another layer of concern for youth. We want to decrease the demand for prostitution in our nation. Wherever there is prostitution or pornography, there is Sex Trafficking.

10. I personally know from experience and conversations with other survivors that pornography is connected with Sex Trafficking in many ways. My hope in the United States of America and respected corporations & businesses within our country, is that we would do all that we can to prevent and end Sex Trafficking. This includes placing more restriction and safety precautions on the internet (& devices) and porn advertising/selling venues to prevent further victimization of American citizens and those trafficked into our country forced to meet the demand of the porn industry.

As a Survivor of Trafficking, I beg you to please do something about this and help! Thank you for your time and taking my personal experiences into consideration.

I declare under the penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 USC sec 1746 the above statements are true and accurate.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sula Skiles", written over a horizontal line.

(Sula Skiles)

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - LONG ANSWERS

1. Question: Summarize the Human Trafficking Prevention Act

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Answer: In a nutshell, the Human Trafficking Prevention Act (1) reduces crime by making prostitution hubs, child pornography, revenge pornography, and obscenity, as defined under the existing obscenity code, more inconvenient to access; (2) the act protects children and families from unhealthy, unprotected, and illegal content; (3) it creates a legitimate pool of funds to finance programs and groups that are working to offset the secondary harmful effects of easily accessible prostitution hubs, child pornography, revenge pornography, and obscenity; (4) the act creates a new revenue stream for manufacturers and retailers who can charge a filter deactivation fee of their own, in fulfilling a duty of care owed to their customers, at the expense of human traffickers and predatory pornographers; and (5) this act reduces the size of government by preventing crime and the harm imposed to the public health, which otherwise must be addressed by a flood of other regulatory measures. This act confirms that some doors are better left unopened.

IMPACT ON LOCAL BUSINESS

2. Question: In terms of hurting business, will this act cause retailers and manufacturers of products that distribute the internet to lose money; won't it cost the retailers and manufacturers to install filters, manage a reporting website, and to maintain the quality of the filters?

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Answer: This act will not cause the retailers and manufacturers of products that distribute the internet to lose money. Instead, this act literally creates a new revenue stream that has the potential of making retailers and manufacturers a huge profit. This is an anti-exploitation bill, not an anti-business measure. Although a consumer will have to at least pay a \$20 fee to have the filter deactivated, which will go to the state to help it offset the secondary harmful effects of pornography and prostitution hubs, the retailers in this state can charge an additional deactivation fee of their own - if they want to - the retailers can set the amount to be what it feels the market can bare. That is, the retailer can charge a filter deactivation fee also to offset any of the costs of compliance with this act. For example, the retailer could charge an additional \$40 filter

deactivation fee on top of the \$20 fee. Anyone who supports this bill should know that they are supporting business and economic development. Manufacturers and retailers of products that distribute the internet have no duty of loyalty to child pornographers, human traffickers, and pornography content providers. Retailers can charge their own filter deactivation fee and if a consumer does not want to pay it, then they do not have to choose to have the filter deactivated.

3. Question: How can this act, which only regulates retailers and manufacturers in this state, compel and incentivize out of state manufacturers to install and ship their products with activated filters to this state, while providing the mechanism to deactivate to the retailer so that the retailer can comply?

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Answer: It would likely be the easiest solution if all manufacturers, whether out of state or in state, agreed to install the filters, manage the reporting website, send out filter updates in response to complaints, and provide the retailers with the mechanism to deactivate the filter. This act does not only create a new revenue stream for Tech retailers but for out of state manufacturers as well by implication. This act literally creates a financial incentive for out of state manufacturers to help the retailers in this state comply. Although a consumer will be forced to pay the \$20 filter deactivation fee, which will go to the government, the retailer can charge a filter deactivation fee of its own. The retailers in this state can negotiate a deal with out of state manufacturers, offering to give out of state manufacturers part of the proceeds from the filter deactivation fee charged by the retailer to install the filters to help the retailer comply with the safety standard established by this act. This bill by default creates a new revenue stream for out of state manufacturers to profit from - stimulating and growing the economy, not hurting it. Additionally, this act discourages the consumption of harmful unprotected obscene speech that promotes victimization and harms the public's health. This act is not anti-technology. This act merely asks that the manufacturers and retailers roll back the dark side of their technology - such as distributing child pornography and promoting prostitution, all of which is illegal activity, encouraging divorce.

Also, there is another pragmatic consideration that will naturally pressure the out of state manufacturers to help the retail stores comply with this regulation. Since many states will pass this act into law, it will naturally compel the retailers to inform out of state manufacturers that if they want to continue to sell their products in their state, they will have to install filters, help maintain the quality of the filters, help manage the reporting website, send out filter updates, and provide the retailers with the mechanism to deactivate. With many states turning this act into law, it would be an irrational business decision for the manufacturers to refuse to accommodate a demand that would protect children, reduce female victimization, and allow the Tech Enterprise to comply with products liability and obscenity laws. The non-responsiveness of the Tech

Companies could totally backfire from a public relations standpoint. If the out of state manufacturers want to promote the idea that their products are “family friendly,” they will naturally comply.

4. Question: Why should libertarians support the Human Trafficking Prevention Act - doesn't this act expand government and regulation?

<https://youtu.be/SOOb8ecvzRs>

Answer: Libertarians should absolutely support this act in accordance with the foundational premises of their own value system: this act will greatly reduce government regulations, the size of government, and the costs imposed on taxpayers overall. One way or the other, our society is paying a huge cost to deal with the fallout of easily accessible pornography and prostitution hubs. There are social costs, like divorce and pornography addiction, and there is a cost to criminal justice, like enforcing laws against human trafficking, voyeurism, possession of child pornography, and domestic violence. Society can “pay now” or it can “pay later” by continuing to have to address the secondary harmful effects that the pornography and prostitution hubs online generate. There are more people in jail in the United States than in any other Country. The United States cannot prosecute its way out of a sexual holocaust and porn pandemic. This bill will reduce incarcerations and victimization, which will reduce government overreach and the steps towards a police state. Respectfully, the public health cannot afford for libertarians to refuse to think, when it comes to deciding what are the optimal set of restrictions that should be applied. On the basis of the most elementary analysis, it is clear that this is an act that helps business and allows children and families stay safe, which reduces the additional need for government measures in other areas. In terms of intellectual dishonesty, it is not helpful for libertarians to be in a state of denial about an act that creates a new revenue stream for business and reduces government regulation overall.

Furthermore, the total prohibition against any form of government regulation is completely unrealistic and would create a state of nature. Consider this: a fish on the grass is not free. It is only when the fish is confined to water that it can swim lightening fast, thrive, and even breath. The same is true with humans. Mankind does not flourish best when child pornography, prostitution hubs, and obscenity are all one click away or unavoidable. Without “truth,” there is no “freedom.” “Freedom” comes from the “truth.” “Freedom” is not the “presence of restrictions” nor the “absence of restrictions.” “Freedom” is the presence of the “right restrictions,” the set of restrictions that objectively fits the givenness of our nature, the truth about “the way we are,” and the truth about “the way things are.” The set of restrictions that promote the most amount of peace, intimacy, reconciliation, healing, and forgiveness, in order to advance human flourishing to the maximized capacity are the set of restrictions that the state and federal legislature should adopt. The Supreme Court has found that the State has a compelling interest to uphold community standards of decency in Paris Theater. The state has an opportunity to impose a filter deactivation fee that will completely finance state programs that are

indispensable, like the Human Trafficking Task Force and the victims compensation fund. These state programs are not going to sua sponte fund themselves. The filter deactivation fee also empowers non-profit non-government groups in the state to receive the funding to run their operations, which reduces the need for more government programs, while advancing the goal of libertarians directly.

5. Question: Will this bill impose an unreasonable burden on business?

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Answer: This act imposes a nominal burden on the Tech business, ultimately creating a new revenue stream for the retailers and manufacturers that was not there before. Take the issue of designing the filter technology, highly effective and robust filtering software has already been developed. Filters have come a long way since the 1990s and just about every school in America is using some kind of filter apparatus whether at the device, ISP, or router level. There are third party filtering companies that are more than willing to partner with the retailers and manufacturers to design quality filters so that they can comply. Right now manufacturers (and sometimes retailers) of products that distribute the internet already install other software inside of their machine. Therefore, requiring that they also install filter software does not create an unreasonable additional burden - especially since this matter involves safety and the protection of the public's health. The protection of children takes priority over convenience.

The manufacturers and retailers often advance a fictional charade that "they do not have the ability to filter." But that is an outright lie they float to avoid being regulated. Take Apple for example, Apple's laptops already come with "parental controls." The parental controls are not activated by default and only work if the consumer creates a third party account and has the skills to figure out how to launch the application. The parental controls provides zero protection for the primary purchaser, who has privity of contract with the retailer, making parental controls a sham solution. Plus, Apple has no real incentive to maintain the quality of parental controls. It is not too much to ask that either the retailer or manufacturer of a Apple laptop activate the parental controls as to the main account and withhold the password. Ta-da, problem solved! The Apple retailer in this state could easily do this and be in compliance even if the out of state manufacturer refused to cooperate to ensure compliance. The fact that Apple sells products with parental controls to minors is itself an omission of guilt under products liability and obscenity laws.

Just as the attendant at the 711 has to check IDs when a consumer buys alcohol or an obscene magazine, it is not too burdensome to require that the Tech retailers verify age, when consumers ask to have the filter deactivated. Most retail stores already check IDs to match the name on the credit card with the name on the ID. It is not too burdensome for the retailer to also verify the age while they are at it. This act imposes a nominal burden on business, while producing major benefits for families and communities by increasing safety. The real loser are

humans traffickers and predatory pornographers who try to force encounters with obscene content without consent, which can lead to liability.

6. Question: Will the Human Trafficking Prevention Act hurt local businesses

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Answer: If a consumer was going to order products on online, they likely would be inclined to do so anyway. They have the right to do that now. The probability that a consumer would drive to another state to buy products without filters is not rational from a cost-benefit standpoint. It would be cheaper for the adult consumer who wanted to have the filter deactivated to just pay the one time filter deactivation fee at the local retailer than it would be for them to spend the time and gas money to cross state lines to purchase. Most minors don't have the means to travel to other states to purchase products that distribute the internet, and it would be cheaper for adults who want to have access to child pornography, prostitution hubs, and obscenity to simply pay the filter deactivation fee when they buy the product from the local dealer.

Moreover, the passing of a Federal Filter Act, which regulates all of the manufacturers of products that distribute the internet in the United States, will end this concern. The complimentary Federal manufacturing bill is in the works currently through the commerce committee and has not yet been filed or signed into law. It is important to note that President Trump signed a pledge to oppose pornography after winning the General election. Once the Federal Filter act passes into law, it will mean that if a consumer purchases a product online from somewhere like Amazon, it would be shipped to the consumer with filters installed, and to deactivate the filter, the consumer would presumably have to go to the local authorized retailer to have it deactivated, paying the \$20 filter deactivation fee and any additional fee set by the retailer at their discretion. This would make the local retailer in the state money, helping business, not hurting it, through a transaction that would have otherwise not come into existence. If the consumer does not want to pay the filter removal fee, then they do not have to choose to get the filter deactivated in the first place. Moreover, since a majority, if not all, states will present the Human Trafficking Prevention Act, it means that the fear that local consumers in the community will go out of state to buy filterless products is a moot point. It is necessary that we compel as many states as possible to present this act at their legislative session starting at the 2017 legislative sessions. It is not enough for the states to declare the pornography is a public health crisis. They have to do something about it.

7. Question: Which products, manufacturers, and retailers in this state does this act really apply to?

Answer: This act applies to any product that distributes the internet and makes content on the internet accessible. So, Internet Service Providers, computers, and cellphones are regulated under this act.

BI-PARTISAN SUPPORT

8. Question: Is the ACLU the primary author of the Human Trafficking Act?

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Answer: The primary author of the bill is the ACLU. The ACLU deserves the credit. The Federal Congress attempted to regulate pornography online twice by passing two statutes. The ACLU was the group that filed lawsuits to cause the Communications Decency Act (CDA) and Child Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) to be struck down for violating the First Amendment heightened scrutiny considerations at the Supreme Court. It was the ACLU who argued in *Ashcroft v. Am. Civil Liberties Union* (2004), the case before the Supreme Court to have COPPA struck down, that filters were the best alternative solution, since filters are “the least restrictive means” to regulate the harmful unprotected speech of pornography online. The Supreme Court agreed that the ACLU’s filter solution was Constitutionally sound. Now that the a majority of states are presenting legislation that codifies the filter solution recommended by the ACLU and ratified by the United States Supreme Court in *Ashcroft*, the ACLU cannot now turn around and argue that “it didn’t really mean it” when it advocated the legitimacy of filter solutions.

9. Question: Is the Human Trafficking Prevention Act a bipartisan bill?

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Answer: This act is bipartisan. In some states, only Democrats are sponsoring the bill in the house and senate, in other states, only the Republicans are. However, in some states both Democrats and Republicans are sponsoring the bill together. In some states the Democrats are presenting the bill in the house and Republicans in the Senate. We have yet to find a single politician - Republican or Democrat - who believes that the continued distribution of pornography through products that distribute the internet to minors is a good idea. By this point, basically every family has been adversely impacted by internet pornography in some way - both liberal and conservative.

There are certain aspects of this act that typically appeal to Democrats. For example, Democrats favor (1) fighting human trafficking; (2) reducing female objectification; (3) having a valid government revenue that finances state programs like the victims compensation fund; and (4) reducing the prison population.

There are certain aspects of this act that regularly appeal to Republicans. For example, Republicans favor (1) fighting human trafficking; (2) protecting children and families, (3)

upholding community standards of decency, (4) protecting the religious freedoms of consumers who do not want to be influenced by pornographic materials, and (5) reducing the prison population.

IMPACT ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

10. Question: How does this act impact criminal justice?

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Answer:

Prostitution: Take Prostitution and Human Trafficking, this act will single handedly inflict the greatest blow to human trafficking demand since the inception of the Internet by making it is easier to avoid having access to prostitution hubs. It pushes them underground. We interviewed countless jons who all say the same narrative after they have been arrested - they “just wish it was not so easy to hire prostitutes” online. What happens is that consumers use pornography to numb out emotional pain. After a while many of them want to have porn-like experiences in “real life” and they open the door to hiring escorts, which can create a vicious cycle that victimizes everyone. Our society does not function best when hard core pornography and prostitution hubs are one click away or unavoidable. Our society does better when there are barriers in place. The temptation to hire a prostitute to deal with one’s emotional challenges will be reduced tremendously by this act. “Prevention,” not prosecution, must be the first response to this problem. It is both shallow and intellectually dishonest to suggest that we can “end human trafficking,” but we can reduce sex slavery by making the Tech Companies comply with the prohibition against promoting prostitution by forcing them to put prostitution hubs behind digital blinder racks on the front end by default. Law enforcement agencies across the United States compassionately stand behind this act, which shows that the police are not for prosecutions as a first response. Law enforcement has been put in a terrible position because online prostitution hubs promoted by the Tech Enterprise has made enforcement incredibly difficult, while at the same time greatly proliferating criminal activity and subjecting law enforcement to increased endangerment. As Polk County sheriff’s department said in regards to this act, “this is something that should have become law a long time ago.” This bill better sets up law enforcement for success, reducing the increased danger that prostitution hubs creates for them. The passing of this act confirms that blue lives matter.

Moreover, as Mothers Against Trafficking Humans, Shared Hope, and In Our Back Yard have all attested under oath on behalf of this initiative “pornography online is an advertisement for prostitution.” The evidence shows that pornography normalizes false permission giving beliefs on sex and erodes consent. The current condition that filterless products are sold in makes them inherently sexually exploitative and a catalyst for sexual voyeurism and prostitution.

Prostitution and pornography are tied together in a seamless interconnected continuum that connects with organized crime and drug trafficking. By requiring that child pornography, revenge pornography, prostitution hubs, and obscenity as defined under the existing obscenity codes be placed behind the digital blinder rack, the tech companies will be fulfilling their existing legal obligation under the obscenity statute that prohibits companies from promoting prostitution and obscenity.

Child Pornography: This act will greatly reduce child pornography offenses and prosecutions. Right now if a consumer stumbles onto child pornography on a filterless device in this state, they could be facing 20 years in prison. Once this act becomes law, it will mean that if a consumer is charged with child pornography possession, it would likely have meant that they intentionally choose to have the filter deactivated and then subsequently interfaced with the illegal content. The passing of this act will strengthen the element of intent for child pornography prosecutions and better accords with the 14th Amendment's Due process clause. Furthermore, people who are arrested for child pornography did not grow up thinking "someday I want to get off to child pornography." People who are convicted for child pornography offenses almost always started by interfacing with softcore pornography, which triggered a slippery slope of the heart, which ultimately requires more extreme forms of obscene imagery to achieve the same high.

Revenge Pornography: This act will greatly mitigate the impact on revenge pornography victims. Right now there is a push by a majority of the states to criminalize revenge pornography acts, which is not invalid. There are 34 states that have revenge pornography laws currently. This act will reduce the harm imposed on the victim of revenge pornography by reducing the number of people who have access to such images. Here is an example to understand the concept. Once this act becomes law, it would mean that if a naked picture of a female minor was uploaded by a peer to embarrass her, the image would be placed behind the digital blinder rack, which would mean that her peers could not readily have access to the image and only adults who consented to have the filter removed and paid the fee would readily be able to view it. By reducing instant exposure to the revenge pornography image, it will mitigate the injury to victims of revenge pornography crimes.

On balance, there is not a Human Trafficking, child pornography, or revenge pornography law that comes within the ballpark close to the superiority of this act on basically all accounts in terms of a positive impact on criminal justice and the protection of minors.

THE COMMERCE CLAUSE

11. Question: Does the Human Trafficking Prevention Act violate the commerce clause?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53CAdTUerXI>

Answer: This act does not violate the commerce clause. This bill regulates the manufacturers and retailers only in the state at issue by telling the manufacturers and retailers that they cannot allow products to leave the retail stores without first installing custom made filters that automatically make a reasonable ongoing attempt to block out

(1) prostitution hubs, (2) child pornography, (3) revenge pornography, and (4) obscenity as defined under the existing state and federal obscenity code. It is true that the Federal Congress will present a bill that is similar to the Human Trafficking Prevention Act that will focus on regulating the manufacturers of products that distribute the internet, telling manufacturers that they cannot allow products to be shipped across state lines without first having pre-installed activated filters that are password protected. The Federal bill will complement the state's law at issue here, and will be introduced through the Commerce Committee.

A simple analogy that can be used to understand how this act does not violate the Commerce Clause is as follows: take the auto industry, the state legislature has passed a law that tells Toyota dealerships within the state that they cannot allow the cars to leave the dealership without first having installed custom designed seat belts. Presumably, Toyotas are not manufactured in the state at issue but are made elsewhere and then shipped into to the dealership in the state. Whether the manufacturer or retailer decide to design and install custom designed seat belts is an issue for them to negotiate and figure out together, but the bottomline is that the retailer has to comply with the standard set by the legislature, ensuring, one way or another, that consumers do not drive the vehicle off the lot unless seat belts are first installed to mitigate the the harmful effects that could occur from using the car as it was intended. After all, without "cars," there is no such thing as "car wrecks." Likewise, without "filterless products," there is not online prostitution solicitation and internet pornography addiction. The state's seat belt law that applies to the local dealership does not violate the commerce clause for the same reason that this filter act does not either, when it comes to the local Tech retailer.

By passing this law that applies to the retail stores in this state it would likely encourage the retailers to put pressure on out of state manufacturers to modify their products so that the retailer will be in compliance and can sell the manufactures products for their mutual benefit. Yet, there are retailers who might want to open the box and install filters of their own. Take Best Buy, for example, right now a consumer who buys a product that distributes the internet from Best Buy who wants to have filters added to make it safer can pay Geek Squad to install a filter. Once this act becomes law, it could be the case that Best Buy chooses to have Geek Squad install filters on the front end once the product sent by the manufacturer is received and before the product is sold. Best Buy's Geek Squad could charge their own filter deactivation fee to offset the cost of installing filters and maintaining the quality of the filter. If the consumer had a problem with the deactivation fees, the consumer does not have to pay it and does not have to have the filter deactivated.

12. Question: Why make the Human Trafficking Prevention Act a state law, not federal?
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Answer: It is far better to make this matter a state law issue for several reasons. First, this bill pulls directly from the existing state obscenity codes repeatedly. This act reinforces and makes the existing codes strong. This act erases the double standard when it comes to the Tech Enterprise in comparison to “bricks and mortar” pornography shops that the state is regulating. This act strengthens the state’s code immensely concerning prostitution and obscenity. Although there is a Federal obscenity code, the state obscenity statutes are clearer and stronger. Second, it is preferable that this act be enforced by the State’s District Attorney’s office and by the state courts, not the Federal Courts and the Department of Justice. Overall, the state government is better equipped to enforce this law.

This act directly parallels the “display statute,” which all 50 states have on their books. The display statute requires retailers like, newsstands and 711s, to put obscene content, like Playboy and Hustler, behind a blinder rack that can only be removed by the retailer if the consumer is over 18 and verifies their age, after demonstrating a desire that the retailer remove the opaque covering.

Moreover, this act pulls from the state’s obscenity codes that prohibit the distribution of obscenity to minors and the prohibition against the promotion of prostitution. It is illegally irrational to prohibit a minor from seeing an R-rated movie only to allow them to walk around with an X-rated theater in their pocket in the form of a filterless iphone.

Additionally, the Supreme held in the *Paris Theater* that the state’s have a compelling interest to uphold community standards of decency. The state has an opportunity to charge a fee that will pay for some state programs. It is better that the state government profit off of this act than the federal government. This act legitimately allows the states to collect a filter deactivation fee that will go to finance the victims compensation fund, human trafficking hotline, and human trafficking task force, while creating a grants program to enable groups within the state that are fighting domestic violence, child exploitation, divorce, and human trafficking to be more equipped to do their job. These programs are not just going to fund themselves on their own.

FIRST AMENDMENT

13. Question: Is the Human Trafficking Prevention Act an unreasonable encroachment on freedom of speech?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFdZARIMK5o>

Answer: As the Supreme Court said in famous cases of *Miller*, “pornography is unprotected speech.” The legislature has the right to regulate the “time, place, and manner” of obscene speech in a way that is the “least restrictive means” in order to comply with first amendment

heightened scrutiny standards. The legislature cannot unilaterally prohibit obscenity and prostitution hubs completely, and this act does not call for that. But this act will survive First Amendment Constitutional challenge because it allows adult consumers who want to have access to child pornography, revenge pornography, prostitution hubs, and obscenity the right to personally assume the risk and choose to have the filter deactivated. Therefore, this act is not part of a “pornography prohibition crusade” nor a campaign to “legislate morality.” Once this act becomes law, it is not as if child pornography, revenge pornography, prostitution hubs, and obscenity are gone for good, the content will merely be hidden behind a digital blinder rack by default in compliance with the existing state and federal obscenity laws. This act is not about the First Amendment, this act is about allowing adult consumers the fundamental right to regulate their own mental health. Minors should - of course - have no say in the matter.

It is the narrative floated by the Tech Companies that to regulate them whatsoever violates the free speech rights of their consumers. But that argument is completely intellectually dishonest. The real freedom interest protected in this act is the fundamental right for consumers to personally choose whether they are exposed to obscene content or not, instead of having the Tech Enterprise patronizingly make that choice for them, pretending that is “freedom,” when it is not. The current condition that products that distribute the internet are sold in are sexually exploitative because they unduly exploit human biology, hijacking neurotransmitters like dopamine, oxytocin, serotonin, and beta fosb. Consumers should have the freedom to consent before being exposed to pornographic sexual content that is designed to overwhelm the senses and provoke arousal and can lead to criminal liability. It is the duty of the manufacturers and retailers to sell their products in the safest condition possible in order to not desensitize the sensibilities of non-consenting consumers.

The two controlling Supreme Court cases that make this act survive first amendment considerations insurmountably are *Ginsberg* (1968) and *Ashcroft v. Am. Civil Liberties Union* (2004). The Tech Companies that opposed this measure in the litigation supporting this bill could not get around these two Supreme Court cases. In *Ginsberg*, the USSC found that the display statutes that require bricks and mortar stores to place physical obscene content behind a blinder rack are Constitutional as the least restrictive means to regulate harmful pornographic speech. All 50 states have the display statute, and the Constitutionality of those laws have been challenged 179 times in Court and ultimately upheld in *Ginsberg*. Here is the controlling legal analogy: since the “physical display” laws that make “physical retailers” place “physical pornography” behind a “physical blinder rack” are Constitutional under the Supreme Court’s holding in *Ginsberg*, then a “digital display” law which makes “digital products” that distribute the internet, which are miniature retailers themselves, have to place “digital pornography” behind a “digital blinder rack” is also Constitutional under the exact same legal basis as *Ginsberg*. All 50 states can pass the Human Trafficking Prevention Act, which mirrors the display statutes now. A vast majority of states will present this bill in 2017 legislative session for that reason.

<https://soundcloud.com/user-388559927/does-the-human-trafficking-prevention-act-violate-the-first-amendment>

14. Question: Does the Human Trafficking Prevention Act create a black book register?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tgs6k6Xp-U>

Answer: This act does not in any way require that adults who choose to have the filter deactivated be put in a database that is made available to the public. Just like a consumer who buys a playboy or condoms are not logged into a register of some kind, the same applies to adults who choose to take the steps to have the filter deactivated. The retailer “may” require that consent to deactivate be in writing, but this act does not force them to do that. But the retailer is required to receive consent at a “face to face” encounter to verify the consumer’s age before deactivating the filter. It is true that in a criminal or civil trial, it could be discoverable whether a consumer choose to have the filter removed. But the retailers do not have to create a database is available to the public.

15. Question: How does the Human Trafficking Prevention Act shift the burden?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6r2HkE99KpM>

Answer: When a person buys a product that distributes the internet, there is an automatic burden that is created. Either consumers who want to avoid being exposed to pornography are going to have to undertake steps to avoid the content or consumers who want to have access to child pornography, revenge pornography, prostitution, and obscenity, are going to have to undertake the additional steps to acquire the content. Why would lawmakers sit back and reward pornographic speech and punish the proponents of clean speech? That is backwards. The Tech Companies products should be modified so that consumers are “opted out” of pornography by default, and the consumers who want access to the unprotected and illegal content have to take the additional steps to acquire the unprotected content. This act shifts the onus off of consumers who want to avoid exposure, and places the burden on adult consumers who want to assume the risk to take the steps to acquire the content.

<https://soundcloud.com/user-388559927/how-does-the-human-trafficking-prevention-act-shift-a-burden>

16. Question: How does the Human Trafficking Prevention Act connect to zoning ordinances concerning strip clubs?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAn_-ZBStkA

Answer: Currently, a state cannot do away with strip clubs. But a state can zone strip clubs to the undesirable and hard to reach parts of town. For example, strip clubs can be zoned away from schools, churches, and suburbs, for example. The rationale behind the zoning of strip clubs applies here. For example, lawmakers wanted to give the husband of five children plenty of time to turn the car around, as he drives from the suburbs to toward the strip club late at night - hoping that he will deal with his emotional challenges in a less destructive way. The Supreme Court has found that strip clubs produce a lot of criminal activity, and the same is true with pornography and prostitution hubs made available through products that distribute the internet.

Here is a simple illustration that drives this point home. If a parent hands a child a cookie, and says “whatever you do don’t eat the cookie, eat kale instead,” and then walks into the other room, the probability of the unsupervised child impulse eating the cookie is high. However, if the parent takes the cookie and puts it on the top self and places some obstacles in front of it, the probability of the unsupervised child undertaking a herculean effort to acquire the cookie is reduced.

17. Question: Under the Human Trafficking Prevention Act is the filter deactivation fee even Constitutional?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyKqTZFrQms>

Answer: The Supreme Court has found over and over again that secondary harmful effects of pornography are well established and that the State has a compelling interest to uphold community standards of decency. Online pornography and prostitution hubs often leads to divorce, addiction, voyeurism, and victimization, which imposes a major cost on the state government and communities. There is a reason why most states have a human trafficking hotline, a human trafficking task force, and victim compensation fund. Those state programs will not sua sponte fund themselves. The filter deactivation fee has a rationally related narrowly tailored interest tied to a compelling state interest in upholding community standards of decency, and is squarely Constitutional on that basis. The filter deactivation fee is justified under the Supreme Court’s holding in *Paris Theater* and a Texas Supreme Court case - *Combs*.

There were three state statutes that were relied on in coming up with the filter deactivation fee. One from Utah, Texas, and Pennsylvania.

The Utah Statute: Utah has a “filter” statute already. Utah’s filter statute basically states that if a consumer has an Internet Service Provider (ISP) and wants to have filters installed to protect them or others from being exposed to obscenity, they can undertake the effort to reach out to the ISP and demand that the ISP install a filter. The ISP then must comply, but the ISP can charge a filter installation fee. A Federal lawsuit was filed to challenge the Constitutionality of that statute by a group pushing this act. Basically, Utah got it backwards. ISPs, along with the makers and retailers or other products that distribute the internet, will now be required to sell their products with filters activated with the mechanism to deactivate withheld. Adult consumers

who want the filters deactivated will now be the party required to reach out to the ISP and verify their age before the filter is deactivated. Instead of having a filter installation fee, there is now going to be a filter deactivation fee, which will go to the state to offset the secondary harmful effects of pornography on society and go to the retailer to cover the cost of compliance with this act, if the retailer wants to charge a fee also.

Texas: Has a five dollar strip club tax. So when a person goes to a strip club in Texas, they have to pay the admission fee on top a five dollar fee that goes to the state to fund a grants program that literally enables hundreds of anti-human trafficking, anti-domestic violence, anti-child exploitation, and anti-pornography groups to have the funds to meet an important state interest. The Constitutionality of the five dollar strip club tax was upheld by the Texas Supreme Court in the *Combs* case. The same Constitutional legal basis behind the five dollar strip club tax is the same legal basis supporting the filter deactivation fee in the Human Trafficking Prevention Act.

Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania has a statute that creates a grants program that finances and enables groups that are fighting human trafficking, domestic violence, and upholding community standards of decency. There is no reason for the state to reward obscene speech and to make it more difficult for the groups that are fighting sexual exploitation to have to struggle in doing so.

The anti-human trafficking groups and programs will not simply fund themselves. The twenty dollar filter deactivation fee will create a pool of funds that will enable these programs and groups within the state to reduce criminal activity, direct victimization, and transferable collateral suffering.

18. Question: Will this act hurt third party filtering companies - putting them out of business?

Answer: To begin, third party filtering companies should have never existed to begin with. Imagine buying a car without seat belts and going to some third party that lacks the insider knowledge of the car and asking them to speculate on how to make seat belts to make the product safer. It always should have been the duty of the manufacturer and retailers to custom design filters to make the products comply with state and federal obscenity laws in the defense of the public's health. Third party filtering companies were created to try to make the products that distribute the internet safer. The very existence of third party filtering companies - alone - is proof that the manufacturers and retailers of products that distribute the internet are inherently dangerous. In the litigation that gave birth to this act, the CEO of Net Nanny, Brent Bishop, testified under oath that his company should not even be in business. Nearly all of the third party filtering companies are willing to partner with the Tech Enterprise to ensure that their products comply with this act. If that occurs, this act will help the third party filtering companies business financially. A lot of retailers and manufacturers might contract with groups like Content Watch and Covenant Eyes to help them comply. But in the event that a third party filtering company was put out of business because of this act, they should not be left out in the cold. Third party filtering companies that are harmed by this act should be allowed to apply for grants created out

of the \$20 filter deactivation fee to be made whole again. This is another reason to have the \$20 filter deactivation fee.

As Ralph Yarro, a Tech Expert Giant and CEO of Think Atomic, testified in Federal Court in the litigation that gave birth to this act, there is a fundamental problem with third party filtering companies: they lack the insider knowledge to make the filters function optimally. Apple, for example, has a closed system. There are a lot of advantages for having a closed system - there are fewer viruses for example. But a closed operating system makes it incredibly difficult for third party filtering companies to guess how to make filters effective. Even when a third party filter is functioning correctly on a product, if the manufacturer subsequently changes the operating system even slightly, it can completely obsolete the filter. There are scenarios where a parent bought a third party filter and had it installed to protect their children, thinking that they were shielded from exposure. Then the manufacturer modified the operating system, which nullified the filter. Meanwhile parents thought that their children were safe from exposure when they were not.

IMPACT ON SOCIETY

19. Question: Will this bill shake things up generally?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HOt0kix3daY>

Answer: This act will shake things up in general and every scenario cannot be anticipated. Retailers and manufacturers have the opportunity to capitalize on a new revenue stream. They will be negotiating with each other how to comply with this act. No business wants to be regulated. The idea that consumers should self-regulate by default is utter nonsense. For the past two decades the Tech Enterprise has not been regulated, and society is not better off because of it. One of the reasons the legislature exists is to improve safety. The state legislature can set a standard of safety for the retailers and manufacturers in the state to meet, and it is up to the Tech companies to figure out how to meet it. Unless they are forced to do so, the Tech Companies are never going to take the steps to make their products safer and in compliance with obscenity laws.

It could be the case that playboy will want to have two websites “playboy.com,” which non-obscene content which is not filtered and “playboy.xxx” which is obscene and is filtered. Backpage.com might want to make two websites, backpage.net, which does not have adult services section and backpage.com, which does have adult services, which is filtered. The legislature cannot possibly anticipate every scenario in how this bill will shake things up, but the legislature has a duty to the public to protect the consumer’s safety, health, and welfare.

20. Question: Do all small independent router companies have to have activated filters that are password protected installed?

Answer: This is a bit of a trickier question to answer, which is the result of the shake up. For one thing, it is clear that this act applies to Internet Service Providers, who are at the front of the causal chain before the routers. A router is the physical part of the product that plays a role in distributing the ISP's signal in distributing content on the internet. Technically all routers sold by the retailer would need to be modified to have filters installed that block pornography by default. Yet, the ISP can filter obscenity out on the ISP level before the signal gets to the router level. So, there could be an exception here for small third party independent router companies, but they have to work that out with the ISPs. There is no doubt that the ISP must ensure that they are complying with this act. The ISP could decide to filter out obscenity at the ISP level or they could require that the consumer use routers that they provide that have filters - filtering out obscenity at the ISP level. Either way, it is the ISP's duty to ensure that they are in compliance with this act - that their consumers are opted-out of pornography until they take the necessary steps to opt-in.

21. Question: Will the Human Trafficking Prevention Act block all LGBTQ websites?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ECO5aKQiiZg>

Answer: No. This act will not automatically block websites that advocate LGBTQ orthodox. But this act will block out LGBTQ websites that are pornographic. Yet, homosexual porn, like heterosexual porn, is not done away with permanently, it is just put behind a blinder rack.

22. Question: Doesn't this bill have the potential to create a 1984 scenario?

Answer: No. Not as the act is written. The bill only goes to only regulate prostitution hubs, child pornography, revenge pornography, and obscenity as defined under the existing obscenity code. The bill will place the major pornographic websites and prostitution hubs behind the blinder rack. This bill does not regulate the social interactive websites like Facebook, Twitter, and youtube. Social interactive websites already have their own reporting center where if obscene content is posted, it can be reported and removed quickly. This act will likely indirectly put a bit of pressure on the social interactive websites to do a good job at removing obscenity from their websites.

23. Question: Is this legislative effort by right wing extremist in an attempt to shame atheistic liberals who think pornography is harmless?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCYDAfhLWGo>

Answer: No. "Sex" is good. God made it. But "healthy sex" is all about context. Sex is powerful, and a government that cares about its people will pass laws to better enable and encourage its

citizens to have sex in settings that accord with “the truth about our nature” and “the truth about the way things are.” Humans do not flourish best when they are getting off to child pornography, obscenity, and prostitutes as a way of dealing with the pains of life. This law regulates the manufacturers and retailers of products that distribute the internet within this state in a manner that makes the objective “healthy choice” the “easy choice.”

This is not a “right” or “left” issue, but a matter of “right” and “wrong.” After Utah passed its resolution in April 2016 declaring that “pornography is a public health crisis,” the New York Times wrote an article called “It’s O.K., Liberal Parents, You Can Freak Out About Porn.” The NY Times article establishes that the war on pornography is not a way to attack liberals who believe that truth is relative. The entire article can be read here:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/07/17/opinion/sunday/its-ok-liberal-parents-you-can-freak-out-about-porn.html>

24. Question: Does this act help or hurt women?

<https://soundcloud.com/user-388559927/does-the-human-trafficking-prevention-act-reduce-female-objectification>

Answer: Anyone with common sense knows that pornography “objectifies women.” Many believe that pornography dehumanizes and depersonalizes women. Men are attracted by sight naturally, and this bill will reduce human trafficking, sexual voyeurism, and domestic abuse - protecting women’s rights. While the retailers and manufacturers of products that distribute the internet, owe no allegiance to pornographers and human traffickers, they do have a “moral responsibility” to protect their consumers.

This act gives people who at one time thought it was wise to participate in pornography a second chance at a stable family life. There are former porn actresses who have left the industry, married, and who now have children and a marriage. Because of their past decision, their children and husband can be reminded that there is a video of her being intimate with someone outside of their family. That imagery can be traumatizing to the wife, father, and children, damaging families tremendously. This act is a mercy centric and gives many a second chance at living a maximized life.

FEASIBILITY

25. Question: Under the Human Trafficking Prevention Act how can the Tech Companies define obscenity? Isn’t one man’s art another man’s vulgarity?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_DYols7ZLul

Answer: The Tech Companies love to pretend that they do not have the ability to define obscenity, and so, therefore, they cannot filter out obscenity. First, there is the famous “I know it

when I see it” standard given by the Supreme Court. The United States Supreme Court has defined what obscenity is in a multitude of cases. The most famous case is *Miller*. But beyond that this state’s obscenity code clearly defines what obscenity, child pornography, and prostitution is. Ignorance of the law is no excuse, so the idea that the distributors of pornography do not know what “pornography is” is merely an indefensible excuse.

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY

26. Question: How does the Human Trafficking Prevention Act relate to products liability?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afqo-sEksxl>

Answer: Instrumentality and control factor: Products that do not leave the instrumentality and control of retailers and manufacturers are subjected to higher levels of care owed to the consumer. So, for example, if a person buys a chainsaw from the home depot, the tool is held to a lower standard of care, even if it is more dangerous product, than a computer, router, and cell phone. Laptops, cell phones, routers, etc do not leave the instrumentality and control of the retailers and manufacturers. The products stay in contact with the retailer and manufacturer even after they have left the store. The manufacturers and retailers of products that distribute the internet have the capacity to send out software updates. Manufacturers and retailers of products that distribute the internet can send out filter software updates to ensure that unprotected content that is supposed to be blocked is and content that is not supposed to be blocked is not.

Cigarette Vending Machines: The United States Supreme Court found that cigarette vending machine manufacturers and retailers can be held strictly liable for the harm caused by the content that is accessible inside of their devices. That analogy applies squarely here. Filterless laptops, cell phones, and routers are effectively “pornographic vending machines” and must be treated as such. To improve the safety of the products, the obscene content can only be made available to consenting adults.

False Advertising: Steve Jobs already admitted to the press that Tech companies have a “moral responsibility” to keep pornography off of their products. By passing this act, for the first time since the inception of the internet the Tech Companies can actually market their products as family friendly without committing fraud, violating the Lanham act, and consumer protection statutes.

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TYPES OF COALITION MEMBERS WHO ARE AVAILABLE FOR A HEARING WHO HAVE PROVIDED SWORN STATEMENTS

John Gunter Jr. From Clean Services Foundation, Clay Olsen Fight The New Drug, Lauren Dixon and Tiffany Leaper from Girls Against Pornography, Glendene Grant (Mothers Against Trafficking Humans); M.A. Denise Quirk; LMFT Stacey Thacker; MFT Roberta Vande Voort, LCSW Max Ward; LCSW, CSAT Dan Gray the Founder of Life Star Network; William Berry, founder of Battle Plan Ministries; John Harmer, former Lt. Governor of the State of California; Ralph Yarro, Think Atomic; Laura Bunker, The President of United Families International; Sula Skiles, Survivor of Sex Trafficking; Nita Belles, Managing Director of In Our Backyard; Dr. Leigh; Sarah Zalonis, survivor of Human trafficking; Kevin Yates, LT. Colonel United States Air Force; Blair Corbett, Director of Ark of Hope Children's Mission; Hillary Stines, mother and

housewife; Tyler Gallacher, Ever Accountable; Bent Bishop, Founder of Net Nanny; Dan Kleinman, Safelibraries; Gary Williams, CEO of Hotel Management Company (Hilton and Holiday Inn), Former Judge Advocate General and Assistant U.S. Attorney Chris Sevier, Claudine Gallacher, founder of Pornproofkids.org; Dawn Hawkins National Center On Sexual Exploitation, Gail Dines, Dr. Mary Ann Laden, Dr. Judith Reisman, and Dr. Donald Hilton,

SOME EXAMPLES OF PUBLIC TALKING POINTS FOR THE SPONSOR IF CONFRONTED BY THE MEDIA:

1. CHILDREN: This matter is about protecting children. Why is it that a child cannot see an R-rated movie but they can walk around with an X-rated movie theater in the form of a filterless cell phone? Why is there double standard when it comes to the Technology Enterprise? Why aren't they regulated like bricks and mortar sexual oriented businesses (S.O.B.s). As a lawmaker, I have a duty to make the Tech Enterprise protect children and their developing minds from harm.

2. FREEDOM OF SPEECH: This matter is not about free speech, it is about allowing consumers the right to regulate their own “mental health.” The real freedom of speech interest comes from giving consumers the upfront liberty to choose whether or not they are subjected to unwanted exposure to pornography instead of allowing the Tech Enterprise to patronizingly make that choice for them, in the name of “freedom” when it is not.

3. PROTECTING AGAINST HARM: By making the manufacturers and retailers of products that distribute the internet sell their products with pre-set filters makes the objectively “right choice,” the “easy choice.” The evidence is overwhelming that pornography is connected to the demand side of human trafficking, violence towards women, divorce, and child exploitation. Pornography online does the grooming for the human traffickers. The United States Supreme Court has long since recognized the secondary harmful effects of pornography. Pornography never has been protected speech and Congress can regulate the time place and manner of it. Filter legislation will offset the secondary harmful effects and it is backed by the Constitutional law under the first amendment.

3. NOT LEGISLATING MORALITY: I am not a legislature of morality, and this legislation is not designed to be a *prohibition* of pornography. I am no prohibitionist. By making the Tech Companies sell their products with pre-set filters, it is not as if pornography is gone forever. It is just behind a barrier shield. If you are over 18, you can have the filter removed and have at it, if you want to. I am not against technology, I want to see the Tech Companies scale back the dark side of technology to protect children and families.

4. CONTROLLING AUTHORITY: The Supreme Court is on our side in this legislative matter. There are two key cases *Ashcroft* (2004) and *Ginsberg* (1968). The Supreme Court in *Ashcroft v. Am. Civil Liberties Union* found conclusively that Congress could pass filter legislation to regulate the handful of readily identifiable Tech Companies that make and sell products that distribute the internet. The Supreme Court in *Ashcroft v. ACLU*, 542 U.S. 656, 673 (2004) has already found that filters are the least restrictive means to regulating pornographic speech. Filter legislation will pass first amendment heightened scrutiny under *Ashcroft*. The Supreme Court found that the display statutes that all 50 states have are Constitutional in *Ginsberg v. New York*, 390 U.S. 629, 639--40, 88 S.Ct. 1274, 20 L.Ed.2d 195 (1968) under the first amendment. Products that distribute the internet are miniature retail stores that are subject to the existing display laws. These products must come with a digital filter. It is not enough to say that “porn is bad.” There has to be a solution that mitigates its harmfulness. The HTPA is the solution that accords with the Constitution and first amendment based on controlling Supreme Court precedent.

5. LEGAL ANALOGY: Under the existing obscenity code, 711 stores are required to sell their “girlie magazines” behind a blinder rack, which the retailer can unlock after a consumer verifies their age and wants access. Filter legislation is merely a digital version of the blinder rack that bricks and mortar stores must use. Products that distribute the internet amount to handheld retail stores. All 50 states have these display statutes already on the books, and these statutes have been upheld as being Constitutional in hundreds of cases. The most famous case was before the United States Supreme Court in *Ginsberg v. New York*.

(*Ginsberg v. New York*, 390 U.S. 629, 639--40, 88 S.Ct. 1274, 20 L.Ed.2d 195 (1968))

6. CAR ANALOGY: Without cars, there are no car wrecks, and without products that distribute the pornography on the internet, there are not all of the secondary harmful effects of pornography that are damaging the public health. Just like a car manufacturer is required to sell their products with custom made seat belts, ISPs, cell phone, computer, and laptop makers must be required to sell their products with filters that are in place to ward off foreseeable harm that is created by exposure to pornography.

7. COCA COLA ANALOGY: Coca Cola used to sell their products with cocaine until Congress passed the Harris Act which made them remove the ingredient for being too harmful. Filter legislation makes manufacturers and wholesalers remove the porn ingredient from their product, but that ingredient can be added back in if the purchaser is over 18 and shows proof of ID. Studies show that pornography affects the same areas of the brain as cocaine.
<http://www.cam.ac.uk/research/news/brain-activity-in-sex-addiction-mirrors-that-of-drug-addiction>

8. BURDEN SHIFTING: This is a matter of burden shifting matter where those adults who intentionally want to access pornography have to undertake the extra steps to gain access. The burden should not be on those who want to avoid pornography to take extra steps to do so. That is backwards. Consumers should not be subjected to filter installation fees, they should be subjected to filter deactivation fees. Just like it is lawful to zone strip clubs to the hard to reach parts of towns, it is Constitutional to make pornography a bit harder to access through products that otherwise make it unavoidable. This bill will help increase intimacy and healthy forms of sex. This bill is not anti-sex. It is pro-healthy forms of sex that fit the truth about our nature and the way things are.

9. BI-PARTISAN: This is a bipartisan bill, which Democrat and Republican sponsors in different states.

10. OTHER STATES: Other state legislatures are lining up to present filter legislation as well. It is time that the Tech Enterprise be regulated. Allowing the Tech Industry to distribute all content without any restriction has made up less free. For far too long, the tech enterprise has gone unregulated. The “wait and see” approach to the “open and share” model that they want is not working because not all content is harmless. Play Boy is putting clothes back on its models because it has learn - like the music business - that it is impossible to compete with free. Our State has the opportunity to be one of the first states to pass filter legislation and lead the Country in protecting children, decency, and the community standards.

11. POSITIVE IMPACT ON CRIME: People might think this bill is silly but the truth is that pornography online is hurting our society, especially children. Online pornography is also increased the demand for human trafficking by encouraging sexual voyeurism. Pornography normalizes false permission giving beliefs about sex and erodes consent. “Prevention” not “prosecution,” must be the first response to the crime of human trafficking. This bill strengthens the element of “intent.” Adult consumers who want to have access to pornography and prostitution hubs have to intentionally ask for the filters to be deactivated. Currently, a consumer could stumble onto child pornography and be faced with serious criminal liability. This bill will greatly reduce criminal liability for sex related crimes.

12. A SUM OF A PART: The internet is not a cube in the desert that glows. The internet is part of the sum total of the physical products that make the content accessible. Without the device that powers on and off, there is no internet. The manufacturers and wholesalers of these products have to comply with the existing obscenity statutes.

NOTES ON CONTROLLING LEGAL AUTHORITY

(1) Controlling Case Authority And Heighten Scrutiny: The legal authority that demonstrates that the bill will survive first amendment heightened scrutiny is found in these two cases: (1) *Ginsberg v. New York*, 390 U.S. 629, 639–40, 88 S.Ct. 1274, 20 L.Ed.2d 195 (1968) and (2) *Ashcroft v. American Civil Liberties Union*, 542 U.S. 656 (2004). In *Ashcroft v. American Civil Liberties Union*, 542 U.S. 656 (2004), the Supreme Court found conclusively that filters were the restrictive means in regulating obscenity on line. A Congressional inquiry group, commissioned by the *Ashcroft* Court, reached the same conclusion. The *Ashcroft* Court stated that Congress could pass a law that made the tech companies sell their products with filters. This bill accords with the express wishes of the Supreme Court in *Ashcroft*.

(2) Jurisdiction: This State has jurisdiction over the Manufacturers and Wholesalers located within this State. By passing this act, Manufacturers in other states will be pressured to comply with requirements set forth in this act so that Wholesalers located here can permissibly sell the products. For example, Apple Inc.'s manufacturing plant is not headquartered in this State. But if Apple Inc. wants to sell its products in this State, it better install filters and coordinated with manufacturers in the state about withholding the mechanism to deactivate the filter upon the satisfaction of certain existing conditions.

(2) Applying Display Statutes To Products That Distribute The Internet: Manufacturers and Wholesalers of products that distribute the internet are already subjected to the existing display statutes which are part of the obscenity code for all 50 states. The Constitutionality of these laws have been challenged over 179 times and has survived first amendment heightened scrutiny challenges. The controlling Supreme Court authority on the Constitutionality of these laws is found in *Ginsberg v. New York*, 390 U.S. 629, 639–40, 88 S.Ct. 1274, 20 L.Ed.2d 195 (1968). Just as a gas station in this State has to sell its girlie magazines behind a blinder rack, so too must products that distribute the internet install pre-set filters. The display statutes in all 50 states are as follows that put obscene content behind a digital blinder rack. All 50 states will pass HTPA in legislation 2017. Sex trafficking is the modern day slavery issue and easily accessible pornography is fueling the demand. The display statutes in all 50 states are listed below:

Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. ss 133501 to 3507 (Supp. 1986); Colo. Rev. Stat. ss 187501,502 (Supp. 1984) (held unconstitutional); Fla. Stat. Ann. ss 847.0125, .013 (West 1994); Ga. Code Ann. ss 1612102,103 (1992) (held unconstitutional); Ind. Code Ann. s 354933 (West 1986); Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 17, ss 2911, 2912 (West 1983 & Supp. 1995); Miss. Code Ann. s 97527 (1994); Mo. Ann. Stat. ss 573.010, .060 (Vernon 1995); Mont. Code Ann. s 458201 (1995); N.C. Gen. Stat. s 14190.14 (1986); N.D. Cent. Code s 12.127.103.1 (1995); 18 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. s 5903 (1983 & Supp. 1995); R.I. Gen. Laws s 113110 (Supp. 1986); S.C. Code Ann. ss 1615260,290,390 (Law. Coop. 1985); S.D. Codified Laws Ann. ss 222427,29.1 (1979 & Supp.

1995); Tenn. Code Ann. s 3917914 (1991); Utah Code Ann. ss 76101227,1228 (1995); Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 13, s 2804b (Supp. 1995). Marion D. Hefner, "Roast Pigs" and MillerLight: Variable Obscenity in the Nineties, 1996 U. Ill. L. Rev. 843, 882 (1996). Ga Code Ann S 1612102(1) (Michie 1992). See also Ala Stat SS 13A12200.1(3), 13A12200.5 (1994) (probably prohibiting only display for sale); Ariz Rev Stat Ann S 133507 (West 1989) (prohibiting any display in any "place where minors are invited as part of the general public"); Fla Stat Ann S 847.0125 (West 1994) (prohibiting only display for sale); Ind Code Ann S 354933(2) (West 1995) (prohibiting any display "in an area to which minors have visual, auditory, or physical access"); Kan Stat Ann S 214301c(a)(1) (1988) (prohibiting display in commercial establishments only); La Rev Stat Ann S 14:91.11 (West 1995) (prohibiting any display "at a newsstand or any other commercial establishment which is open to persons under the age of seventeen years"); Minn Stat Ann S 617.293, subd 2(a) (West 1987 & Supp 1996) (prohibiting commercial display); NM Stat Ann S 30372.1 (1978 & Supp 1995) (prohibiting display only while offering for sale, "in a retail establishment open to the general public," and "in such a way that it is on open display to, or within the convenient reach of, minors who may frequent the retail establishment");; NC Gen Stat S 14190.14(a) (1993) (prohibiting display in commercial establishments only); Okla Stat Ann SS 1040.75, 1040.76 (West 1983 & Supp 1996) (prohibiting all display, "including but not limited to . . . commercial establishment(s)"); Tenn Code Ann S 3917914(a) (1991) (prohibiting display for sale or rent); Tex Penal Code Ann S 43.24 (Vernon 1991) (prohibiting all display, whenever person is "reckless about whether a minor is present who will be offended or alarmed by the display"); 13 Vt Stat Ann SS 2801(8), 2804a (Equity 1971 & Supp 1995) (prohibiting display "for advertising purposes"). Eugene Volokh, Freedom of Speech in Cyberspace from the Listener's Perspective: Private Speech Restrictions, Libel, State Action, Harassment, and Sex, 1996 U. Chi. Legal F. 377, 436 (1996)

(3) Tobacco Vending Machines And Strict Liability: In *Greene v. Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp.*, 72 F. Supp. 2d 882, 893 (W.D. Tenn. 1999), the Court established that cigarette vending machines owners can be held liable under strict liability for the harmful content found inside of their products. Cigarette vending machines owners Manufacturers and Wholesalers have a duty to keep minors from accessing the content within their product. The same legal reasoning applies to Manufacturers and Wholesalers of products that distribute the internet. Manufacturers and Wholesalers of products that distribute the internet amount to pornographic vending machines. In *Richardson v. Phillip Morris Inc.*, 950 F. Supp. 700 (D. Md. 1997), a tobacco case involving distributors, the Court held that a distributor of product may be held liable to the ultimate consumer under strict products liability if product was in defective condition at time that it left possession or control of seller, it was unreasonably dangerous to user or consumer, defect was cause of injuries, and product was expected to and did reach consumer without substantial change in its condition. Restatement (Second) of Torts § 402A. Under § 402A of the Restatement (Second) of Torts (1965), which has been applied by the courts, a distributor may be

liable to the ultimate consumer if four elements are shown: “(1) the product was in a defective condition at the time that it left the possession or control of the seller, (2) that it was unreasonably dangerous to the user or consumer, (3) that the defect was a cause of the injuries, and (4) that the product was expected to and did reach the consumer without substantial change in its condition.” *Phipps v. General Motors Corp.*, 278 Md. 337, 344, 363 A.2d 955, 958 (1976); see also *Owens–Illinois v. Zenobia*, 325 Md. 420, 441, 601 A.2d 633, 643 (1992). The products that distribute and make accessible content on the internet that are sold without preset filters to minors and non-consenting adults are defective by definition and dangerous.

(5) Removing The Porn Ingredient: The 1914 Harrison Narcotics Tax Act required Coca-Cola to remove the cocaine ingredient from its products. Cocaine like pornography impacts the same area of the brain. <http://yourbrainonporn.com/cambridgeuniversitybrainscansfindpornaddiction>. This bill requires Manufacturers and Wholesalers of products that distribute the internet and make the content on the internet accessible remove the pornography ingredient from their products as the initial default setting. Unlike with cocaine and Coca Cola, however, the pornography ingredient can be put back into the product if the purchaser is an adult, who verifies their age and assumes the risk of exposure to obscenity.

(6) Free Speech Generally: “The right of free speech is not absolute at all times and under all circumstances. There are certain well defined and narrowly limited classes of speech, the prevention and punishment of which has never been thought to raise any Constitutional problem.” *Chaplinsky v. State of New Hampshire*, 315 U.S. 568, 571-72, 62 S.Ct. 766, 767, 86 L.Ed. 1031 (1942). The First Amendment provides in pertinent part that “Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech or of the press,” and is applicable to the States through the Fourteenth Amendment. See *Cantwell v. Connecticut*, 310 U.S. 296, 60 S.Ct. 900, 84 L.Ed. 1213 (1940). The portion of Article I, § 19 that is pertinent to this appeal provides that “[t]he free communication of thoughts and opinions is one of the invaluable rights of man and every citizen may freely speak, write, and print on any subject, being responsible for the abuse of that liberty.” The right to only be exposed to clear speech is itself a fundamental free speech right.

(7). Obscene Speech Generally: Obscene materials are not protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States or by Article I of this State’s Constitution. See, *Miller v. California*, 413 U.S. 15, 93 S.Ct. 2607, 37 L.Ed.2d 419 (1973); *State v. Marshall*, 859 S.W.2d 289 (Tenn.1993). “It is a violation of obscenity laws to distribute content that violates the community standard.” *Miller. California*, 413 U.S. 15 (1973). Obscenity is not within the area of protected speech or press.” *Court v. State*, 51 Wis. 2d 683, 188 N.W.2d 4 (1971) vacated, 413 U.S. 911, 93 S. Ct. 3032, 37 L. Ed. 2d 1023 (1973) and abrogated by *State v. Petrone*, 161 Wis. 2d 530, 468 N.W.2d 676 (1991); *State v. Weidner*, 2000 WI 52, 235 Wis. 2d 306, 611 N.W.2d 684;;; *Ebert v. Maryland State Bd. of Censors*, 19 Md. App. 300, 313 A.2d 536 (1973).

Obscenity is not protected expression and may be suppressed without a showing of the circumstances which lie behind the phrase "clear and present danger" in its application to protected speech. *Roth v. United States*, 354 U.S. 476, 485, 77 S.Ct. 1304, 1309, 1 L.Ed.2d 1498. *United States v. Gendron*, S24:08CR244RWS(FRB), 2009 WL 5909127 (E.D. Mo. Sept. 16, 2009) report and recommendation adopted, S2 4:08CR 244 RWS, 2010 WL 682315 (E.D. Mo. Feb. 23, 2010); *Chapin v. Town of Southampton*, 457 F. Supp. 1170 (E.D.N.Y. 1978); *Sovereign News Co. v. Falke*, 448 F. Supp. 306 (N.D. Ohio 1977); *City of Portland v. Jacobsky*, 496A.2d646(Me.1985).

(8) The United States Supreme Court has long ago found the secondary harmful effects of pornography are undeniable: The Supreme Court and other state and federal courts have recognized the harmful secondary effects of "hardcore porn shops" and other "sexually oriented businesses" that specialize in pornography and commercial nudity and upheld the right of cities and counties to enact zoning and licensing ordinances based on reports and studies of their destructive impact. There were at least forty such studies and reports of municipalities and state agencies that have documented such crime impacts and urban blight, including those reports from such diverse communities as Los Angeles, Cleveland, New York City, Phoenix, Minneapolis, Indianapolis, Seattle, Oklahoma City, Houston, Dallas, El Paso, Las Vegas, Alliance, Ohio, Newport News, Virginia, Manatee County, Florida, Adams County, Colorado, and New Hanover County, North Carolina. As the Supreme Court said in the *Paris Adult Theatre* case in 1973, "The sum of experience...affords an ample basis for legislatures to conclude that a sensitive, key relationship of human existence, central to family life, community welfare, and the development of human personality, can be debased and distorted by crass commercial exploitation of sex. The States [and Congress] have the power to make a morally neutral judgment that public exhibition of obscene material, or commerce in such material, has a tendency to injure the community as a whole, to endanger the public safety, or in Chief Justice Warren's words, to jeopardize, States' "right. . .to maintain a decent society." *Paris Adult Theatre Iv. Slaton*, 413 US 49, at 63,69 (1973). As noted by the Supreme Court in *Roth v. United States*, 354 U.S. 476, at 485 n. 15 (1957), and *New York v. Ferber*, 458 U.S. 747, at 754 (1982), there is an international Treaty that can be used by U.S. and other Nations to cooperate in identifying and prosecuting obscenity offenses. The original Treaty is called "Agreement for the Suppression of the Circulation of Obscene Publications", signed at Paris, May 4, 1910 In the U.S, it is reported at 37 Stat. Pt. 2, p. 1511, Treaties in Force 209 (U.S. Dept. of State), Treaty Series 559. The 1949 Protocol transferred the recording and tracking functions to the United Nations. There are now over 130 signatory countries.

(9) Defining Pornography: Supreme Court Justice Stewart famously stated, "I shall not today attempt further to define [obscenity]; and perhaps I could never succeed in intelligibly doing so. But I know it when I see it." *Jacobellis v. Ohio*, 378 U.S. 184, 197 (1964). The Supreme Court

defined what constitutes obscenity extensively in *Miller. California*, 413 U.S 15 (1973). This definition of obscenity issued by the Supreme Court merely reinforce the state's existing statutory definition of obscenity under the obscenity code. Manufacturers and Wholesalers of products that distribute the internet and make content accessible have no excuse.

(10) Consumer Fraud and The Lanham Act: Steve Jobs announced to the media that the Tech Enterprise had a “morality responsibility” to keep pornography off of their products. <http://www.zdnet.com/article/jobs-apple-has-moral-responsibility-to-block-iphone-porn-jabs-and-roid-again/> By making Manufacturers and Wholesalers of products that distribute the internet sell their products with preset filters, allows the Tech Companies to comply with their “moral responsibility” and to finally live up to their advertised message that their products are “family friendly.”

(11) The Tech Enterprise's Strongest Argument against the HTPA: The Tech Enterprise's strongest argument against the HTPA comes under Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act. Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act applies to protect interactive websites and computer software programs against the harmful acts of third parties. Section 230 does not extend to protect physical products. Nor does the law negate the liability of intermediaries who enable violations of the Federal Copyright Act and the state Obscenity codes which are tied into the Federal Obscenity statutes 18 U.S. Code §§ 1460-1470

(12) First obscenity case the Court stated: “The destruction of morality renders the power of government invalid, for government is no more than public order. It weakens the hands by which society is kept together. The corruption of the public mind, in general, and debauching the manners of youth, in particular, by lewd and obscene pictures...must necessarily be attended with the most injurious consequences.” Pennsylvania Supreme Court Presiding Justice Yeats, in the first Obscenity case in the United States, *Commonwealth v. Sharpless* (1815). The Federal Congress has tried to regulate pornography on the internet twice. The first attempt came in the form of the Communications Decency Act (CDA) and the second came in the form of the Child Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). Both bills were Constitutionally invalid as the Supreme Court found in *Reno v. ACLU*, 521 U.S. 844, 117 S.Ct. 2329, 138 L.Ed.2d 874 (1997) and *Ashcroft v. American Civil Liberties Union*, 542 U.S. 656 (2004). The problems with the CDA and COPPA was that they did not regulate the right party. The Tech Enterprise is what must be regulated. The Human Trafficking Prevention Act will survive first Amendment heightened scrutiny challenge for being for being the least restrictive means.

(13) Pennsylvania has a statute on grants to non-government human trafficking groups that could be copied. See Pennsylvania Code § 3031. Grants. Subject to the availability of funds, the commission shall make grants to State agencies, units of local government and nongovernmental

organizations to: (1) Develop, expand or strengthen programs for victims of human trafficking. Such programs may include: (i) Health services, including mental health services. (ii) Temporary and permanent housing placement. (iii) Legal and immigration services. (iv) Employment placement, education and training. (2) Ensure prevention of human trafficking, including increasing public awareness. (3) Ensure protection of victims of human trafficking, including training of first responders.

(14) Utah already has a filter law but it got it all backwards consider this: § 76-10-1231. Data service providers -- Internet content harmful to minors. (1) (a) Upon request by a consumer, a service provider shall filter content to prevent the transmission of material harmful to minors to the consumer. (b) A service provider complies with Subsection (1)(a) if it uses a generally accepted and commercially reasonable method of filtering. (2) At the time of a consumer's subscription to a service provider's service, or at the time this section takes effect if the consumer subscribes to the service provider's service at the time this section takes effect, the service provider shall notify the consumer in a conspicuous manner that the consumer may request to have material harmful to minors blocked under Subsection (1). (3) (a) A service provider may comply with Subsection (1) by: (i) providing in-network filtering to prevent receipt of material harmful to minors, provided that the filtering does not affect or interfere with access to Internet content for consumers who do not request filtering under Subsection (1); or (ii) providing software, engaging a third party to provide software, or referring users to a third party that provides filtering software, by providing a clear and conspicuous hyperlink or written statement, for installation on the consumer's computer that blocks, in an easy-to-enable and commercially reasonable manner, receipt of material harmful to minors. (b) A service provider may charge a consumer for providing filtering under Subsection (3)(a). (4) If the attorney general determines that a service provider violates Subsection (1) or (2), the attorney general shall: (a) notify the service provider that the service provider is in violation of Subsection (1) or (2); and (b) notify the service provider that the service provider has 30 days to comply with the provision being violated or be subject to Subsection (5). (5) A service provider that intentionally or knowingly violates Subsection (1) or (2) is subject to a civil fine of \$2,500 for each separate violation of Subsection (1) or (2), up to \$10,000 per day. (6) A proceeding to impose a civil fine under Subsection (5) may only be brought by the attorney general in a court of competent jurisdiction. (7) (a) The Division of Consumer Protection within the Department of Commerce shall, in consultation with other entities as the Division of Consumer Protection considers appropriate, test the effectiveness of a service provider's system for blocking material harmful to minors under Subsection (1) at least annually. (b) The results of testing by the Division of Consumer Protection under Subsection (7)(a) shall be made available to: (i) the service provider that is the subject of the test; and (ii) the public. (c) The Division of Consumer Protection shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to fulfil its duties under this section.

(15) The legal idea behind this provision comes from Texas Code § 102.052. FEE BASED ON ADMISSIONS; RECORDS. (a) A fee is imposed on a sexually oriented business in an amount equal to \$5 for each entry by each customer admitted to the business. (b) A sexually oriented business shall record daily in the manner required by the comptroller the number of customers admitted to the business. The business shall maintain the records for the period required by the comptroller and make the records available for inspection and audit on request by the comptroller. (c) This section does not require a sexually oriented business to impose a fee on a customer of the business. A business has discretion to determine the manner in which the business derives the money required to pay the fee imposed under this section. The Court's upheld the Constitutionality of the sin tax on strip clubs in *The Court's upheld the Constitutionality of the sin tax on strip clubs in Combs v. Texas Entertainment Association, et al., 347 S.W.3d 277 (Sup. Ct. Tex. 2011).* The case that justifies the \$20 filter deactivation fee is *Combs v. Texas Entertainment Association, et al., 347 S.W.3d 277 (Sup. Ct. Tex. 2011).* In 2007, the Legislature enacted the Sexually Oriented Business Fee Act, requiring a business that offers live nude entertainment and allows the consumption of alcohol on its premises to remit to the state comptroller a \$5 fee for each customer admitted. Respondents Karpod Inc., the operator of a sexually oriented business defined by the Act, and the Texas Entertainment Association, an association representing the interests of such businesses in Texas, sued the comptroller and the attorney general for declaratory and injunctive relief. The trial court rendered judgment declaring that the statute violates the First Amendment, permanently enjoining collection of the fee, and awarding respondents attorney's fees. A divided court of appeals affirmed. The fee is clearly directed not at expression in nude dancing but at the secondary effects of nude dancing when alcohol is being consumed. An adult entertainment business can avoid the fee altogether simply by not allowing alcohol to be consumed. The fee is not intended to suppress expression in nude dancing. The fee does not violate the First Amendment.

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND CHILD EXPLOITATION PREVENTION ACT TALKING POINTS

1. Why is it that a 12 year old in this State cannot buy a playboy or go see an R-rated movie but they can buy an X-rated theater in the form of a filterless cell phone made by Apple and sold by the local verizon store? It is a double standard. It is a crime to distribute obscenity to minors.
2. The Supreme Court in *Ashcroft v. Am. Civil Liberties Union*, 542 U.S. 656, 124 S. Ct. 2783, 2793, 159 L. Ed. 2d 690 (2004) stated: “One argument to the contrary is worth mentioning—the argument that filtering software is not an available alternative because Congress may not require it to be used. That argument carries little weight, because **Congress undoubtedly may act to encourage the use of filters**. We have held that Congress can give strong incentives to schools and libraries to use them. *United States v. American Library Assn., Inc*, 539 U. S 194 (2003). It could also take steps to promote their development by industry, and their use by parents.” The Supreme Court wants this act to become law.
3. All 50 States have the physical blinder rack law that requires newsstands and gas stations to place X-rated content behind a physical blinder rack that can only be removed by the retailer if the consumer is over 18, shows proof of ID, requests that the filter be removed, and pays for the content. The physical display statute was upheld as Constitutional as the least restrictive and most effective means by the Supreme Court in *Ginsberg v. New York*, 390 U.S. 629, 88 S.Ct. 1274, 20 L.Ed.2d 195 (1968). The Constitutional legal basis behind the physical filter law is the same basis behind the digital filter law.
4. Supreme Court found that States have a compelling interest to uphold community standards of decency in *Paris Adult Theatre Iv. Slaton*, 413 US 49, at 63,69 (1973). The Supreme Court has found that X-rated content has secondary harmful effects.
5. Just as the State Supreme Courts have upheld that the \$5 entrance into the strip club statutes are Constitutional so is a statute that permits the state to charge a \$20 entrance fee into the digital strip club. *Combs v. Texas Entertainment Association, et al.*, 347 S.W.3d 277 (Sup. Ct. Tex. 2011). The fee is rationally related to a compelling state interest.
6. Sex trafficking has gone from the street corner to the smartphone. By making it more inconvenient to access prostitution portals, it will do more to combat human trafficking than any other measure since the inception of the internet. If an individual wants to build a strip club in Oklahoma, they can. But the lawmakers can zone sexual orientated businesses to the hard to reach and undesirable parts of town. The zoning ordinances are a filter that are Constitutional.

7. When a consumer buys a laptop, cellphone, and ISP, there is an automatic burden that is created. Either the group of consumers who want to avoid being exposed to prostitution hubs, child pornography, and obscenity are having to undertake costly steps to modify the products in order to make them safer or there is a burden for adult consumers to have to opt-in to the content. The State legislature is being asked to shift the burden onto the adult consumers to have to opt-in which requires some cooperation with the retailers and manufacturers.

8. Obscenity content is not speech. It is stimuli. This act is not about regulating speech. It is about allowing making retailers and manufacturers provide the tools to consumers so that they can regulate their own mental health. Many States have passed resolutions that declare that pornography online is creating a public health crisis. While the resolution identifies the problem, this act is the most effective solution to that problem.

9. Thirty-nine States are moving on this act along with the Federal Congress. There are two groups that oppose this act in different states: the ACLU and the Retail Association. However, we have sat down with both groups and negotiated out the bill. At the request of the ACLU we removed the provision that requires that the filter removal request be in writing. We have done so. In working with the Retail Association we have made clear that this act is not anti-technology. This act requires that the tech companies scale back the down side of their products. At the Retail Association's request we have included into the act a provision that permits retailers to charge their own filter deactivation fee. This act creates a new revenue stream for retailers.

10. One question is how does the Tech define "obscenity?" The code already defines it. Plus, the Supreme Court has given us the "I know it when I see it standard" and the Miller Standard. Ignorance of the law is no excuse. No reasonable person really believes that it is a good idea to allow the Tech companies to continue to distribute X-rated material to minors.

11. This act is not a sham. It will change culture. It will create a new revenue stream for businesses. This act reduces the size of government because it deals with prevention and not with enormous cost associated with treating the aftermath. In the UK, where this law is in place, 30% are opting-in. The act creates a new revenue stream for the state that is rationally related to a compelling State interest. The act will protect families, children, and marriages, while reducing voyeurism, female objectification, human trafficking demand, incarceration, and increased danger to law enforcement.

12. Some doors in life are better left unopened. This act strengthens the element of intent because consumers will have to intentionally choose to open the door to harmful unprotected content. Please consider being a co-sponsor. Please vote in favor of this act.

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TALKING POINTS ON THE RESOLUTION

The pornography of today has created an unprecedented epidemic of sexual harm. Children and young people are being exposed to violent and degrading content, which by default has served as their sex education. Once a social or health issue involves problems that affect individuals or groups beyond their capacity to correct – responsibility shifts from individual accountability to holding the forces and influences that cause it accountable. While educating individual parents to guide and protect their children is always part of any prevention plan, the problem is well beyond what individual parents and children can do to protect themselves.

Science and research is catching up with the concerns of many and is now showing a wide range of harm caused by pornography. Law enforcement and our jails are overwhelmed with the results of sex trafficking and child sexual abuse. Children are at greatest risk as research shows such exposure affects their developing brains and shapes their sexual templates. The younger and more often children are exposed to such content the more problematic it becomes. Adolescents are more susceptible to forming addictions than adults because the dopamine neurons in their nucleus accumbens (i.e. the brain's pleasure center) are much more active and have an exaggerated plasticity in response to addictive stimulus. Thus, it can be said that a propensity for addiction is more strongly "hardwired" into the adolescent brain. Internet pornography consumption by adolescents is associated with risky sexual behavior that can have profoundly adverse effects such as anal sex, multiple sexual partners, and substance use during sex. Such outcomes are not surprising in light of research into how the human brain develops which shows that adolescents are not as readily able to access their front lobes—the portion of the brain that controls impulses and allows for rapid, smart decision making.

Like other public health issues, not all exposed have the same response. However, for many, repeated exposure and use is correlated to problematic sexual behaviors that can lead to porn-induced erectile dysfunction, divorce or failed relationships, and sometimes sexually aggressive and violent behaviors. Research is also showing correlations to violence against women, increased STI rates, and increased sexual dysfunction among young men.

Public health approaches have proved effective with other major problems from smoking, to lead poisoning, to HIV/AIDS. A public health approach is needed now to address pornography. There is a wealth of research coming from many fields that support these claims and the overwhelming anecdotal evidence is mounting; yet few realize the reality we face or have the courage to address it. Leadership and an investment are needed in a multi-disciplined, multi-pronged approach to be effective against a well-funded industry in order to prevent and combat the harms.

Fast Facts:

PORNOGRAPHY IS PERVASIVE:

It's Every Where: Young children are now exposed to hardcore (mainstream) pornography at an alarming rate, with 27% of older millennials (age 25-30) reporting that they first viewed pornography before puberty.[i] Sixty-four percent of people 13–24 actively seek out pornography weekly or more often.[ii]

Both Male and Female Users: While hardcore pornography users are typically male, female use is increasing. Teenage girls and young women are significantly more likely to actively seek out porn than women over age 25.[iii]

Unmanageable at the Individual Level: The pervasive depictions of softcore and hardcore pornography in popular culture, and their easy accessibility via streaming and mobile devices, produce problems and significant risks outside the ability of individuals and families to manage on their own.

Like the Tobacco Industry, the Pornography Industry is Creating a Public Health Crisis. Despite tobacco's former widespread use and acceptance in American culture, once its harms became apparent, society took action and adopted dramatic new policies to limit the harmful effects of smoking. Similarly we believe that people need to be protected from pornography exposure, and be made aware of the risks associated with pornography use. Additionally, pornography should not be socially endorsed, normalized, or presented as cool.

IMPACT ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE:

Pornography Teaches that Women Enjoy Sexual Violence: Analysis of the 50 most popular pornographic videos (those bought and rented most often) found that 88% of scenes contained physical violence, and 49% contained verbal aggression.[iv] Eighty-seven percent of aggressive acts were perpetrated against women, and 95% of their responses were either neutral or expressions of pleasure.[v]

Pornography Is Linked to Increased Sexual Violence: A 2015 meta-analysis of 22 studies from seven countries found that internationally the consumption of pornography was significantly associated with increases in verbal and physical aggression, among males and females alike.[vi]

Pornography Is Linked to Increased Female Sexual Victimization: A study of 14- to 19-year-olds found that females who watched pornographic videos were at significantly greater likelihood of being victims of sexual harassment or sexual assault.[vii]

IMPACT ON THE BRAIN:

The Research Is In: Since 2009, there have been 30 major studies that have revealed porn has negative and detrimental impacts on the brain. [viii]

Pornography Use Shrinks Brain: A 2014 study found that increased pornography use is linked to decreased brain matter in the areas of motivation and decision-making, impaired impulse control, and desensitization to sexual reward. [ix]

Pornography is Like Cocaine: Pornography hijacks the brain's reward systems the same way that cocaine does. [x]

The Addiction Gets Worse: A 2015 study from Cambridge found that pornography use can drive novelty-seeking, so users need more and more extreme content over time in order achieve the same level of arousal. [xi]

IMPACT ON SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES:

Pornography and STI's: Pornography use among adult males in America is associated with increased engagement in sexual behaviors that increase the risk of STIs. In multiple studies, internet pornography consumption was positively associated with having sex with multiple partners, engaging in paid sex, and having had extramarital sex. [xii]

Increased STI's Among Adolescent Minority Females: Exposure to X-rated movies among Black females 14 to 18 years old was associated with being more likely to have negative attitudes toward using condoms, to have multiple sex partners, to have sex more frequently, to have not used contraception during the last intercourse, to have not used contraception in the past 6 months, to have a strong desire to conceive, and to test positive for chlamydia. [xiii]

IMPACT ON FEMALES:

Negative Body Image and Pressure to Perform Pornographic Acts: As a result of viewing pornography women reported lowered body image, criticism from their partners regarding their bodies, increased pressure to perform acts seen in pornographic films, and less actual sex, while men reported being more critical of their partners' body and less interested in actual sex. [xiv]

Increased Marital Rape: Males who use pornography and go to strip clubs were found to engage in more sexual abuse, stalking, and marital rape than abusers who do not use pornography and go to strip clubs. [xv]

IMPACT ON MALES:

Leads to Pornography-Induced Erectile Dysfunction (PIED): A 2015 study on pornography users found that 20.3% said "one motive for their porn use was to maintain arousal with their partner." It also found that pornography use was linked to higher sexual desire, but lower overall sexual satisfaction, and lower erectile function. [xvi]

Young Men and PIED: Young men are experiencing increasing rates of PIED. In the early 2000s, the PIED rate among European men was approximately 13%. In 2011 young Europeans (18-40) had ED rates of 14-28%. The dramatic increase in ED rates among young men

coincides with the sharp increase in the availability and pervasiveness of Internet pornography. [xvii]

Negative Body Image: A 2015 study found that men's frequency of pornography use is positively linked to body image insecurity regarding muscularity and body fat, and to increased anxiety in romantic relationships. [xviii]

IMPACT ON RELATIONSHIPS:

Dissatisfaction with Partners: Research has demonstrated that the more pornography a man watches, the more likely he is to deliberately conjure images of pornography during sex to maintain arousal, and to experienced decreased enjoyment intimate behaviors with a partner. [xix]

Extramarital Affairs: A study found that persons ever having an extramarital affair were more than 3 times more apt to have used Internet pornography than ones who had lacked affairs. Other research affirms that pornography consumption is associated with more positive attitudes towards extramarital affairs. [xx]

Name: Alicia Keolahou Smith
Committee: Intra Commerce Committee - House of Representatives
Hearing Date: Tuesday February 5th 2019
Bill Number: HB567

I urge you to schedule a hearing for HB 567.

This bill is a matter of public health best remedied by its source of control in technological commerce.

I urge you to protect our children and youth, protect individuals suffering from pornography and sexual addiction including convicted felons of sexual crimes restricted from pornography.

As an adult, my email accounts and facebook posts of articles I was genuinely interested about included visually offensive sexual photographs and invitations offering sexual satisfaction through phone calls. In facebook postings, this unwanted material was added at the end of an article I clicked on and listed as suggested material of interest. In my email, this material simply showed up in my email account and both required my reporting it as offensive and unwanted material.

I'm a mother and grandmother and am able to remove this. It is different for a child or 12 year old, or teenager.

Pornography, offensive sexual material is not the community standard and citizens should be protected from this material as the standard for public health and welfare.

I've included a short video that explains briefly what this act promises to support and remedy. It offers a standard that best meets the needs of the people of Hawaii.

"In a nutshell, the Human Trafficking Prevention Act (1) reduces crime by making prostitution hubs, child pornography, revenge pornography, and obscenity, as defined under the existing obscenity code, more inconvenient to access; (2) the act protects children and families from unhealthy, unprotected, and illegal content; (3) it creates a legitimate pool of funds to

finance programs and groups that are working to offset the secondary harmful effects of easily accessible prostitution hubs, child pornography, revenge pornography, and obscenity; (4) the act creates a new revenue stream for manufacturers and retailers who can charge a filter deactivation fee of their own, in fulfilling a duty of care owed to their customers, at the expense of human traffickers and predatory pornographers; and (5) this act reduces the size of government by preventing crime and the harm imposed to the public health, which otherwise must be addressed by a flood of other regulatory measures. This act confirms that some doors are better left unopened." Taken from: [Human Trafficking and Prevention Act - Summary](#)

Here is a detailed explanation of how HB 567 protects from Human Trafficking: [Human Trafficking and Prevention Act](#)

In promoting this bill, we are certainly not alone. Currently, 5 other states: South Carolina H3249, South Dakota HB 1154, New Jersey S540 and A878, Mississippi SB2472, New York A03398 have passed first reading and are awaiting review for a first committee hearing and a similar bill Oklahoma SB 864 is awaiting its first reading.

Thank you for your consideration and I will be happy to meet with you to provide additional information about this bill that presents you with the opportunity to serve, care and protect the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,

Alicia Keolahou Smith

Alicia Keolahou Smith



Summarize the Human Trafficking Prevention Act?

Preview YouTube video Human Trafficking And Child Exploitation Prevention Act - Part 1



Human Trafficking And Child Exploitation Prevention Act - Part 1

BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE AT THE 2019-2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**TO BE ATTACHED AND INCLUDED
AS PART OF THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

*Purpose: Family Therapist, author, and University Professor Testifies in support of the
Human Trafficking And Child Exploitation Prevention Act*

DECLARATION OF LANA E VALENTINE

I, LaNae Valentine, declare under the penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 USC sec 1746 as follows:

CREDENTIALS

1. Marriage & Family Therapist, Ph.D., LMFT
2. Former Director of Women's Services & Resources, Brigham Young University
3. Authored a chapter, *How the Media Affects our Ability to Love*, in the book Confronting Pornography, published by Deseret Book, Salt Lake City.
4. Co-authored a chapter, *The Effects of Addictions on Marital Relationships*, in the book Helping and Healing our Families, published by the School of Family Life, Provo, Utah.
5. Presented at the **Utah Coalition Against Pornography**, 10th Annual Conference, Saturday, May 7, 2011, Salt Lake City.
6. Presented frequently on the effects of pornography on individuals and families.

OBSERVATIONS, EXPERIENCES, OPINIONS.

My bachelor's degree is in Health Promotion and Risk Reduction. My doctorate is in Marriage & Family Therapy. As a therapist I have encountered many women whose mental, physical, and relational health has been devastated by pornography. I'm aware that most people search out pornography for their viewing pleasure, but most of the people I have worked with have been innocent victims of pornography. They did not seek it out, but somehow it found its way into their lives. Pornography has been an uninvited intruder that has wreaked havoc on their emotions, relationships and feelings of confidence and self-worth.

Many people think pornography is benign, but it isn't, especially when it comes to romantic relationships. Research shows that 1) porn free relationships are stronger and have lower rates of infidelity than relationships in which porn is viewed; 2) those who had abstained from sexually explicit material showed increased commitment to the relationship, 3) watching porn reduces relationship commitment because it reminds you of all the potential sexual partners out there, and 4) the fantasy alternative leads to real world cheating.

Even couples who initially thought that looking at porn was normal and not a big deal are admitting that it causes deeper pain and harm than they thought. First, individuals who want to stop viewing pornography are having a difficult time doing so. They admit their pornography viewing is related to depression, anxiety, and loneliness. But rather than deal with those issues they escape into porn. They also admit that they experience less overall happiness and life satisfaction. Second, women who discover their partner's involvement in pornography report experiencing tremendous amounts of fear and anxiety. These challenges make relationship bonding and connection more difficult.

Over the years I have come to view the spread of pornography as a public health problem analogous to the public health problem of cigarette smoking back in the 1950s. The people who produce pornography say that it's harmless and many of the people who view it say that it's a normal part of life. They are in a similar position to those who thought cigarette smoking was harmless and a perfectly okay thing to do. It took years and years of research and education to finally convince people. Now it's so obvious. Likewise, we are accumulating more and more research refuting the belief that pornography is harmless. Pornography has hijacked how our children are growing up to view sexuality and how they will relate to one another. Pornography teaches them how to have sex, but not how to love. Because of its widespread availability and easy access, it would be naive to think that it isn't having a profound impact on our culture, including the way we interact with each other.

I believe that we as leaders in any kind of position of influence should do our part to create laws and policies that protect the well-being of our citizens, our marriages, families and children. We have a responsibility to educate and inform the public about the dangers of pornography. Those in positions to do so, have a responsibility to protect our emotional and physical health. We must have the courage to speak up and fight those who are profiting from the business of pornography with no regard for our well-being.

I declare under the penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 USC sec 1746 the above statements are true and accurate.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "LaNae Valentine". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

LaNae Valentine, Ph.D.

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BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE AT THE 2019-2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

TO BE ATTACHED AND INCLUDED
AS PART OF THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Purpose: Testimony that sex trafficking has gone from the street corner to the smart phone

DECLARATION OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF IN OUR BACKYARD NITA BELLES

I, Nita Belles , declares under the penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 USC sec 1746 as follows:

CREDENTIALS

1. Managing Director of In Our Backyard (non-profit anti-trafficking organization)
2. Regional Director Oregonians Against Trafficking Humans (non-profit anti-trafficking organization.)
3. MTh with a Concentration in Women's Concerns
3. Survivor of Domestic Violence
4. Author: *In Our Backyard: A Christian Perspective on Human Trafficking In the United States*
5. Author: *In Our Backyard: Human Trafficking in America And What You Can Do To Stop It*
6. Worked in anti-human trafficking efforts with top law enforcement, government and non-profits for the last six Super Bowls.

OBSERVATIONS, EXPERIENCES, OPINIONS.

7. Both of my books devote a complete chapter on the connection between pornography and human trafficking. There are many studies that support the connection between the two, and I have listed information from some of them below with direct citations in my book, which is cited.

8. The average age that a child first views pornography is eleven, and usually a friend introduces them to it. Once the computer has gone to those porn sites, the porn sites track the computer use and it is one of the amalgarythms that is on that computer. Consequently, if a child has once been introduced to porn, or someone else who uses the computer uses porn, every time a user sits down at that computer, the user will be provided with opportunities to view porn.

9. Although the porn sites state that one must be 18 years of age to enter the site, it has become common practices in our culture to click through that, just like we click on accepting conditions and authorization every time we accept a software update. In our technology culture, sadly those conditions don't mean much to the user, but only serve to exempt the company who owns the site and any of their employees of any liabilities.

10. While a legislative filter bill or court injunction would not eliminate any of the above things from happening, it would help curb accidental and unauthorized browsing of porn sites by a percentage of the population. Additionally it would assist those who are addicted to porn in their efforts to stay away from it.

11. Concerning the connection of pornography to human trafficking, I have added the following excerpts from my book, *In Our Backyard*. Catherine Mackinson, professor at Harvard Law school says, "Consuming pornography is an experience of bought sex....in a very literal way, pornography is advertising for trafficking, not just in general but also in the sense that traffickers and pimps use pornographic images of victims as specific advertising for their "products.""

12. She further explains that the addictive hunger porn creates gives way to a drug-like addiction, distorting one's view of sexuality. Viewing porn trains the mind to not only expect sexual gratification upon demand, but the addictive nature of this psychological phenomenon drives a person to more escalating content and violent content to create the same high.

13. One sex buyer (often referred to as a "trick" or "john") interviewed said, "Yes, the woman in pornography is a prostitute. They're prostituting before cameras. They're getting money from film companies rather than individuals."

14. Melissa Farley, director of the nonprofit Prostitution Research and Education, says, "When men use pornography, in that process they are trained as tricks. Pornography is men's rehearsal for prostitution. Pornography is cultural propaganda which drives home the notion that women are prostitutes." In my work, I often call pornography the gateway drug for purchasing a sex trafficked individual.

15. The average age when a child first encounters porn is eleven years old. This online sensationalism has fast become the illicit sex education for our young people. "Ninety percent of 8-16 year olds in the United States, Canada, Britain, Europe, Japan and Australia have viewed

porn online while doing homework. Eighty percent of 15-17 year olds have had multiple hard-core exposures. One study of 13-14 year olds by the University of Alberta found that one-third of boys viewing porn did so "too many times to count." In viewing porn by young minds, body parts, not people become the basis for sex.

16. Distribution of porn on the Internet has become violent "gonzo" pornography that focuses on body-punishing sex. This horrific on screen violence is so pronounced that Gail Dines, author of *Pornland* says that "you've done virtually everything that you can do to a woman's body short of killing her." I've heard of severe injuries and even death as a result of the severe violence that is now prevalent in porn.

17. This industry is money driven, which explains the advertising for these sites that come on a computer as a result of algorithms once a computer has viewed pornography. These marketing practices make children, whose decision-making processes aren't fully developed, vulnerable victims in the aggressive marketing tactics of the porn companies.

18. Pornography videos hurt more than just those women, men and even young children who are forced to participate. Fifty percent of the international sex-trafficking victims in 2001 survey said that pornography was used to "educate" them into prostitution. In addition, sex buyers regularly expect the sex-trafficked individuals they frequent to perform the sex acts they have viewed the "actress" on the screen perform.

19. Make no mistake, pornography is inextricably tied to human trafficking.

20. How will the easy accessibility and increasing frequency of porn in general—and violent porn in particular—influence the sexual behavior of the boys and men who watch it and consequently our society as a whole? Only time will tell, but it clearly spreads the message that violence towards women is not only acceptable, it's stimulating.

21. You can read more about the harms of pornography to men, women and families, emotional health, reproductive health, mental health, relational health, etc. in my book *In Our Backyard*.

22. I support this effort to require the ISP's and Device Makers to provide filters, as it will be a great benefit to the public's interest.

I declare under the penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 USC sec 1746 the above statements are true and accurate.

Mita Belles

¹ In Our Backyard: Human Trafficking in America and What We Can Do To Stop It, Belles, 2015, Baker Books, Pages 101-103

² In Our Backyard: Human Trafficking in America and What We Can Do To Stop It, Belles, 2015, Baker Books, Pages 113-114



Memo in Opposition to Hawaii House Bill 567

We appreciate the legislature's concerns about the distribution of certain speech on the internet. However, we believe that House Bill 567 is unconstitutional for numerous reasons. Its broad requirements for mandatory blocking of content on the internet violates First Amendment and due process protections for free speech. It is also vague, confusing and internally inconsistent. The trade associations and organizations that comprise Media Coalition have many members throughout the country, including Hawaii: authors, publishers, booksellers and librarians, producers and retailers of recordings, films, home video and video games. Below, we explain the most glaring reasons this legislation violates constitutionally protected rights.

Summary of the bill:

It is unclear what part of H.B. 567 is actionable. It has similar but separate and inconsistent sections. Section 1(a) makes it a violation of §712- to manufacture or distribute a product that makes any content accessible on the internet without "digital blocking capability" (filtering software) that renders material covered §1(b) inaccessible by default, and to distribute or manufacture it[sic] to a minor unless the filtering software is "actively and properly operating." Section 1(b) has a separate requirement that anyone who manufactures or distributes a product that makes content on the internet accessible shall make "reasonable and ongoing" efforts to ensure that "revenge pornography" is inaccessible, prohibit the product from accessing any website that "facilitates prostitution" and render websites known to facilitate "human trafficking" inaccessible. Finally, §2 makes it a misdemeanor to manufacture or distribute a device that makes content available on the internet unless it contains filtering software that "makes any attempt to render" "revenge pornography," websites that "facilitates prostitution or human trafficking" and child pornography inaccessible. It separately bars manufacture or distribution to a minor unless it has filters are active and attempting to block "obscene" material described in §1(b) inaccessible but the material in this subsection does not meet the definition of obscene.

"Revenge Pornography" is defined as the nonconsensual disclosure of an image of a person who is nude or engaging in sexual conduct. The definition does not define "nude" or state whose consent is necessary. There is an existing Hawaii law that bars publication of certain nude images under specific circumstances but it is not referenced in this bill. The bill also does not define "facilitates prostitution" or "facilitates human trafficking."

The distributor shall deactivate the filtering software only if the consumer requests that it be disabled, presents proof that he or she is an adult, acknowledges receiving a written warning of the danger of turning off the filter and pays a \$20 tax plus any additional charge imposed by the distributor.

In addition to these requirements, the manufacturer and each distributor must make reasonable and ongoing efforts to ensure that the filter is working properly. They must also create a

website, call center or other reporting mechanism to allow a person to report blocking of non-obscene material or the failure to block obscene material. Once a report is made, the distributor has five days to assess the content and block material that is obscene and unblock speech that is not obscene. If the distributor declines to block material reported as obscene, the attorney general or any person may bring a civil suit to block unblocked content. If the attorney general or the person prevails, they may seek damages of \$500 per unblocked depiction. If the distributor decides not to unblock material reported as not appropriate to block, any person may sue to get the speech unblocked but the attorney general is not authorized to bring such a suit. In either case, the prevailing party is entitled to attorneys' fees.

Speech is presumed to be protected by the First Amendment:

H.B. 567 imposes an unconstitutional censorship regime that suppresses speech based on its content and that violates due process protections. The Supreme Court has repeatedly made clear that all speech is protected by the First Amendment until a court rules otherwise. The burden is on the state to prove that speech does not enjoy protection under the Constitution in a judicial proceeding that provides full due process protections. “When the Government seeks to restrict speech based on its content, the usual presumption of constitutionality afforded congressional enactments is reversed. ‘Content-based regulations are presumptively invalid,’ *R.A.V. v. St. Paul*, 505 U. S. 377, 382 (1992), and the Government bears the burden to rebut that presumption.” *United States v. Playboy Entertainment Group, Inc.*, 529 U.S. 803, 817 (2000).

Nude images published without consent are protected by the Constitution:

The bill is overbroad because it requires blocking of non-obscene nude images, which are fully protected by the First Amendment. *Playboy*, 529 U.S. at 811; *Erznoznik v. City of Jacksonville*, 422 U.S. 205, 213-14 (1975). They are legal to publish even with consent and to view absent other narrowing elements such as an intent to harass. These images may be newsworthy, historic or educational like pictures of the prisoners at Abu Ghraib, the images of Janet Jackson’s wardrobe malfunction, snapshots Anthony Weiner sent of himself to women he met online or images of partially nude female slaves or victims of war. All of these images were published without the consent of the person in the image. The state cannot force a device maker to block access to them. See [Antigone Books v. Brnovich](#) 2:14cv2100 (D. Ariz. July 10, 2015) (challenge to an [Arizona law](#) with an almost identical definition of “revenge pornography” as H.B. 567. The state of Arizona agreed to a permanent bar on enforcement of the law without submitting any documents to defend it to the court.)

Use of mandatory filters will inevitably be overbroad:

Even if a bar on publishing images without consent is suitably narrowly written, filters will inevitably block a substantial amount of legal speech and make the law unconstitutionally overbroad. Filtering software is not sophisticated enough to determine what images were published without consent and thus can be blocked. Nor can filters assess other elements, such as reasonable expectation of privacy or a publishers’ intent to harm the person in the image, that are included in Hawaii’s existing law. Research shows that filters block content based on certain kinds of nudity in images and the use of explicit language making them overbroad. Even in attempting to block categories of speech like sexual content, filters generally over block. See, [American Library Policy Brief](#), Policy Brief No. 5, June 2014, pg. 16-18. Filters are a blunt instrument that are designed to block sexual material, hate speech or other types of content based

on specific words or images of nudity or sex. They cannot make more nuanced determinations that require information beyond what is in the text or the image.

Voluntary filters are less restrictive means:

This is why the Supreme Court has cited voluntary filters as the best way to block unwanted speech online but has dismissed the idea of mandatory filters. In *Ashcroft v. American Civil Liberties Union*, the Court dismissed the argument that the government could impose mandatory filters on all internet users and held that the voluntary use of filters was a less restrictive means since the user could decide what material is appropriate for themselves or their children without censoring the internet for the entire population. 542 U.S. 656, 669 (2004). See also, *Playboy*, 529 U.S. at 822-26 (individual households opting into voluntary scrambling of adult cable channels was a less restrictive means for preventing signal bleed than system wide blocking).

Content-based tax on speech is unconstitutional:

H.B. 567 is also an unconstitutional tax on speech based on its content. The user of a product must pay a \$20 tax to have the filters deactivated (and be subjected to a government-mandated lecture about the dangers of the internet) in order to access certain content. While a state may levy a general sales tax that includes the sale or rental of speech in any medium, the U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly held that it the First Amendment bars the imposition of a specific tax on speech based on its content. In 1987, the Supreme Court ruled that “official scrutiny of the content of publications as the basis for imposing a tax is entirely incompatible with the First Amendment’s guarantee of freedom of the press.” *Arkansas Writer’s Project, Inc. v. Ragland*, 481 U.S. 221, 230. In 1983, the Court held that the power to single out the press with special taxes could be used to coerce or even destroy it and therefore violates the First Amendment. *Minneapolis Star v. Minnesota Commission of Revenue*, 460 U.S. 575. In 1991, the Court held that a statute is presumptively inconsistent with the First Amendment if it imposes a financial burden on speakers because of the content of their speech. *Simon and Schuster, Inc. v. Members of the New York State Crime Board*, 502 U.S. 105. See also, *Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of New York, Inc. v. Village of Stratton*, 536 U.S. 150 (2002); *Grosjean v. American Press*, 297 U.S. 233 (1936). The determination that the tax is content-based is not changed by a declaration in the bill about how the money will be used. If the state believes those activities merit state funding, it can provide money from the general fund or from a tax that is not imposed based on the content of speech.

The bill may also be an unconstitutional tax on the internet as a medium. A person can access the same speech in books, magazines, movies or video games without paying the \$20 tax. The Supreme Court has condemned this selective imposition of a punishment on one medium but not others or specific portions of a media. See, *Playboy*, 529 U.S. at 812 (striking down a regulation that targeted “adult” cable channels but permitted similar expression by other speakers); *Turner Broad. Sys. v. FCC*, 512 U.S. 622, 659 (1994) (“Regulations that discriminate among media ... often present serious First Amendment concerns.”); *Arkansas Writers’ Project*, 481 U.S. at 228. (“Selective taxation of the press — either singling out the press as a whole or targeting individual members of the press — poses a particular danger of abuse by the State.”).

H.B. 567 is unconstitutionally vague:

It is settled law that a statute so vague and indefinite, in form and as interpreted, as to permit

within the scope of its language the punishment of incidents fairly within the protection of the guarantee of free speech is void, on its face, as contrary to the Fourteenth Amendment. *Winters v. New York*, 333 U.S. 507, 509 (1948). H.B. 567 is internally inconsistent, leaves key terms undefined, and refers to legally defined words to refer to terms that do not fit the commonly understood definition. The legal obligations of manufacturers and distributors in §1 and §2 are similar but not the same. In §1 the software must block the content for adults by default. The word default is not in §2. In §1(a) makes it a violation of section 712- to manufacture or distribute a product that makes any content accessible on the internet without “digital blocking capability” (filtering software) that renders material covered §1(b) inaccessible by default, and to distribute or manufacture to a minor unless the filtering software is “actively and properly operating.” There is no explanation to distinguish between the software working by default and the software properly operating. Also §1(b) has a separate requirement that anyone who manufactures or distributes a product that makes content on the internet accessible shall make “reasonable and ongoing” efforts to ensure that “revenge pornography” is inaccessible, prohibit the product from accessing any website that “facilitates prostitution” and render websites known to facilitate “human trafficking” inaccessible. There is no apparent reason why the bill uses three different phrasings to describe the distributors’ responsibilities for blocking certain content. Later, §2 uses different wording to describe the legal obligations of the distributor; it requires them to *contains* the capability to “makes any attempt to render” the proscribed content “inaccessible.” It is written so that it is unclear if the filters must be activated for an adult purchaser of the product. However, the deactivation process would be pointless if there was no obligation that the product comes with the filters working. In §1, the bill does not define “nude” or “facilitates prostitution.” Finally, §1 and 2 refer to blocking “obscene” material described in §1(b) inaccessible but there is no reference in §1(b) to obscene material. The content described in §1(b) is not obscene as the word was defined by the Supreme Court in *Miller v. California*, 413 U.S. 15 (1973). Instead, H.B. 567 uses the term to refer generally to objectionable speech.

This lack of clarity will inevitably prompt distributors to act more broadly by over blocking content rather than risking being barred from doing business in the state or facing criminal prosecution. Beyond the overbroad blocking of content, it will have a significant chilling effect on publishers. An online magazine might not publish an article about legal brothels in Nevada or Amsterdam because it could be deemed to facilitate prostitution and result in their entire website being blocked. Booksellers may choose not to sell sexual health, art and history books that contain nude images for fear their online store could be rendered inaccessible. For publishers and booksellers, the chilling effect is exacerbated because the reporting system to get one’s site unblocked only applies to material blocked for being obscene and not to the other content that must be rendered inaccessible. *See Baggett v. Bullitt*, 370 U.S. 360 (1964).

The legislation violates due process protections of speakers:

While the state can restrict or bar access to some speech such as obscene material, it must provide full due process protections before doing so. This is true whether the state is seizing copies of a book from a bookstore or imposing mandatory filtering on the internet by forcing private actors to block access to content under the threat of prosecution for failing to do so. As the Supreme Court said in *Marcus v. Search Warrant*, “It follows that, under the Fourteenth Amendment, a State is not free to adopt whatever procedures it pleases for dealing with

obscenity as here involved without regard to the possible consequences for constitutionally protected speech.” 367 U.S. 717, 731 (1961).

The Supreme Court has held that due process rights are essential in judging whether speech is outside of First Amendment protection. In *Bantam Books v. Sullivan*, the Court explained why these protections are so important:

“Thus, the Fourteenth Amendment requires that regulation by the States of obscenity conform to procedures that will ensure against the curtailment of constitutionally protected expression, which is often separated from obscenity only by a dim and uncertain line. It is characteristic of the freedoms of expression in general that they are vulnerable to gravely damaging yet barely visible encroachments. Our insistence that regulations of obscenity scrupulously embody the most rigorous procedural safeguards, *Smith v. California*, 361 U.S. 147; *Marcus v. Search Warrant*, supra, is therefore but a special instance of the larger principle that the freedoms of expression must be ringed about with adequate bulwarks. See, e. g., *Thornhill v. Alabama*, 310 U.S. 88; *Winters v. New York*, 333 U. S. 507; *NAACP v. Button*, 371 U.S. 415. ‘[T]he line between speech unconditionally guaranteed and speech which may legitimately be regulated . . . is finely drawn. . . . The separation of legitimate from illegitimate speech calls for . . . sensitive tools . . .’ *Speiser v. Randall*, 357 U.S. 513, 525.”.

372 U.S. 58, 68 (1963).

Speech can only be suppressed after a court finds that is unprotected. In *Fort Wayne Books, Inc. v. Indiana*, the Supreme Court held, “While a single copy of a book or film may be seized and retained for evidentiary purposes based on a finding of probable cause, the publication may not be taken out of circulation completely until there has been a determination of obscenity after an adversary hearing.” *Fort Wayne Books, Inc. v. Indiana*, 489 U.S. 46, 63 (1989) (internal cites omitted). Similarly, in *Heller v. New York*, the Court noted that “seizing films to destroy them or to block their distribution or exhibition is a very different matter from seizing a single copy of a film for the *bona fide* purpose of preserving it as evidence in a criminal proceeding.” 413 U. S. 483, 492 (1973). Even probable cause is not sufficient to block access to a book, magazine or movie prior to a final judgment. *Fort Wayne Books, Inc.*, 489 U.S. at 66. (“...our cases firmly hold that mere probable cause to believe a legal violation has transpired is not adequate to remove books or films from circulation.”)

If the state believes that material accessible on the internet in Hawaii is outside the protection of the First Amendment, it bears the burden of gathering evidence and, if appropriate, prosecuting the publisher in an adversarial judicial proceeding. H.B. 567 turns this principle on its head by blocking any content a computer program determines is illegal and then requiring the speaker or the person trying to access the material to vindicate their constitutional rights.

The state cannot put the burden on the speaker or the reader to prove that the material cannot be blocked. In *Southeastern Promotions, Ltd. v. Conrad*, the Supreme Court added that “a system of prior restraint runs afoul of the First Amendment if it lacks certain safeguards: *First*, the

burden of instituting judicial proceedings, and of proving that the material is unprotected, must rest on the censor.” 420 U.S. 546, 560 (1975)(emphasis in the original). Under H.B. 567, the speaker or recipient must discover they have been censored (possibly by multiple distributors with different filtering technology) and then file a formal request with each distributor that the content be unblocked subject to a five day waiting period. If the speech remains blocked by any or all of the distributors, the speaker must file a lawsuit to get judicial relief.

The government cannot get around these constitutional requirements by outsourcing this censorship regime to device manufacturers and distributors to act as its agent to suppress speech that the state is prohibited from doing on its own. In *Bantam Books*, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a non-judicial determination of whether material is illegal for minors as a form of “informal censorship.” 372 U.S. 58 (1963). More recently, Judge Posner writing for the Seventh Circuit held that using “administrative methods” to censor speech “as distinct from punishing such dissemination... after it has occurred — is prohibited by the First Amendment as it has been understood by the courts.” *Backpage. com, LLC v. Dart*, 807 F. 3d 229, 235 (7th Cir. 2015).

Nor can this legislation be saved by the promise by legislators or prosecutors that the statute will only be used only for the most egregious violations. In *U.S. v. Stevens* the Court said, “[T]he First Amendment protects against the Government; it does not leave us at the mercy of noblesse oblige. We would not uphold an unconstitutional statute merely because the Government promised to use it responsibly.” *U.S. v. Stevens*, 559 U.S. 460, 480 (2010).

Finally, enactment of this bill could prove costly. If a court declares it unconstitutional in a facial challenge, there is a very good possibility that the state will be ordered to pay the plaintiffs’ attorney’s fees. In the challenge to the Arizona law mentioned above, the state agreed to pay the plaintiffs \$200,000 in legal fees, even though the case was resolved by a joint motion of the parties requesting that the judge issue an order barring the state from enforcing the law.

If you would like to discuss our concerns further, we would welcome that opportunity to do so. Please contact our Executive Director David Horowitz at horowitz@mediacoalition.org or by phone at 212-587-4025 x3. We ask you to protect the First Amendment rights of all the people of Hawaii and amend or defeat H.B. 567.

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BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE AT THE 2019-2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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Purpose: Mental health provider testifies in support of the Human Trafficking And Child Exploitation Prevention Act, discussing the secondary harmful effects on mental health that easily accessible prostitution hubs and x-rated material is having.

**DECLARATION OF MA, LPC EDMUND CAPPARUCCI MENTAL
HEALTH PROFESSIONAL AND FOUNDER OF
SEXUALLYPUREMEN.COM**

I, Edmund Capprucci, declare under the penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 USC sec 1746 the above statements are true and accurate.

1. I am a licensed Professional Counselor in State of Georgia
2. I am certified in the treatment of Sexual Addiction by the American Association of Christian Counselors.
3. I am the author of blog: www.SexuallyPureMen.com

4. As a licensed professional counselor in the state of Georgia and trained in the treatment of sexual addiction, I have seen first-hand the devastating impact of the pornography that the tech Enterprise distributes through their products has on families and marriages. Approximately 60% of my practice is comprised of men, women and teenagers who are battling sexual addiction. Easily accessible pornography that is virtually unavoidable on filterless devices sold by the tech Enterprise is to blame.

5. For men, the problem leads them to focus less on their relationship, careers and relationship with God. Their emphasis is placed on viewing pornography as much as possible even in places where it increases their risk of being caught. I have worked with men who have lost their jobs and suffered severe financial hardship due to pornography. One 25-year-old was spending more than \$1K a week on pornography and cyber sex encounters. Another 30-year-old was arrested after he set up a smart phone in the women's bathroom where he worked. He had been addicted to pornography for years but was seeking additional stimulation. The fact that these men were sold filterless devices by the Tech Enterprise members opened a door that lead these men down this dark, dangerous, and harmful path.

6. For the women in the lives of a sex addict, pornography is "ego crushing." These women suffer a loss of self-worth as they attempt to determine "why they were not enough" for their husbands or boyfriends. Pornography enhances the "imagine trap" that affects so many women who believe their bodies just don't measure up. I have seen women who have undergone numerous plastic surgeries and breast enhancement surgeries in hope to becoming more attractive to their sex-addicted partners. These women are devastated as they need to process that their dream marriage is not what they had hoped it would be. They worry if their sons will grow

up to be like their fathers and become addicted to pornography. The current condition that the Enterprise sells its products in amounts to a form of female objectification, sexual exploitation, and abuse. The filterless devices sold by the Enterprise is cultivating incredible harm throughout our society by encouraging the spread of toxic influences and false permission giving beliefs.

7. An even greater horror that associates with the Enterprise's refusing to sell their products with filters and withhold the deactivation codes is that children as young as 6 and 7 are being exposed to pornography the Internet in their own homes. What this is doing is creating the youngest generation of sexual addicts we have ever encountered. And by being exposed at such a young age they are setting themselves up to struggle in real relationships because they will be confusing physical intimacy with emotionally intimacy. The Enterprise's decision to sell filterless devices to children amounts to a form of sexual exploitation of the child. Adults should have the fundamental choice as to whether they are subject to being exposed to such harmful content that has devastating impact on emotional, relational, and mental health.

8. Being exposed to pornography on products sold by the Enterprise also has a physiological impact on the human brain. When watching pornography, levels of serotonin and dopamine (pleasure enhancing chemical) are activated into the brain at above-normal levels. Studies in my field have conclusively demonstrated that this increase of serotonin and dopamine is the equivalent of a shot of morphine. Each time a person watches pornography they are getting buzzed. Over time, the brain comes to expect these chemical imbalances and therefore the sexual addict impulsively is drawn to pornography. The Court should enjoin the Enterprise and make them sell their products with preset filters that make a reasonable an ongoing attempt to block out pornography. Children should never be sold a filterless device and the very idea that parents

need to do a better job of policing their children's use of products that are portable is outrageous. The position assumes that all parents are equal and that they can be everywhere all the time. It also assumes that adults themselves do not tempted to interface with pornography. The Tech Enterprise very obviously is not being regulated and operates in a manner that demonstrates that they believe they are above the law. If the Court could see the things that we are seeing in our field, it would instantly agree that this practice absolutely must come to an end. I strongly encourage that steps are taken to restrict the availability of pornography into our home by forcing the tech companies to sell their products with filters that make an ongoing and reasonable attempt block pornography.



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**TESTIMONY OF TINA YAMAKI
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February 5, 2019**

Re: HB 567 Relating to Digital Content Blockers

Good morning Chairperson Ohno and members of the House Committee on Intrastate Commerce. I am Tina Yamaki, President of the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and I appreciate this opportunity to testify.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii (RMH) is a statewide not-for-profit trade organization committed to supporting the retail industry and business in general in Hawaii. The retail industry is one of the largest employers in the state, employing 25% of the labor force.

While we understand the intent of this measure, we are in OPPOSITION to HB 567 Relating to Digital Content Blockers. This measure would require manufacturers and retailers of products that are internet enabled to have digital blocking capabilities, have a reporting system, charges a fee and is a misdemeanor offense for failing to do so. This would apply to all digital products like but no limited to computers, cellphones, lap tops, electronic games, and ipads.

We question: Why are the retailers being the ones mandated to be responsible for policing online human trafficking and pornography websites when Digital Blockers is a feature that is controlled and installed by the manufacturer NOT the retailer. The manufacturer are the ones who have the ability to update the digital blocker via downloads and apps, NOT the retailer.

Furthermore it would be the manufacturer who has the ability to block or unblock websites on the digital blocker program as well as deactivate the blocking mechanism and NOT the RETAILER. Retailers are NOT digital programmers who have the technical skills to create and maintain the programs dealing with such applications as website trackers, apps, and online searches for the numerous products that have internet access. With millions of websites currently available and thousands more being uploaded every day, retailer do NOT have the tools or technical skills to check the content on each website let along on the dark web. It is our understanding that the majority of devices that can be linked to the internet already have parental controls that is aimed at minors.

In addition, the reporting centers and websites should not be with the retailers. We do have a concern with the issue of privacy should someone report these types of activities. If there are illegal activities or website promoting illegal activities law enforcement should be contacted not the retailer.

We would also like to point out that should this measure become law and these devices that access the internet be in violation and most likely no longer sold in Hawaii's brick and mortar stores, people would still be able to purchase digital products that do not contain blocking devices online.

We urge you to hold this measure. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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