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RANDY POWELL  
REPRESENTATIVE, 30TH DISTRICT

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Chairman LaTurner and Members of the Committee:

In support of SR1723, I greatly appreciate you permitting a hearing on this critical resolution.

I am someone who has been personally impacted in my past by the addictive power of pornography. In my recovery, I have worked with many teenagers and young men in fighting to overcome the grip of pornography addiction. I know of situations where pornography addiction has cost men their marriages, respect of their children, loss of jobs, and loss of freedom because of imprisonment. The addiction is quite like drug addiction in the way it interacts with brain chemistry, except with drug addiction, access is not ubiquitous. Pornography is no longer isolated to "that part of town", but is literally at one's fingertips, allowing free 24-7 access.

Having participated in an organization located in the heart of Amsterdam, Holland's red-light district, I have seen up close and personal the damage of addiction to men, and the damage caused from objectification of women, resulting in tragic stories of human trafficking and the associated wreckage of lives.

Finally, I've witnessed what life looks like on the other side of addiction, what true and growing freedom looks like.

I ask that you pass out SR1723 favorably. Work with us to raise public awareness of pornography health hazards. In doing so, we can protect the coming generations from the many damages and negative progressions created by pornography viewing.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Powell".

Representative Randy Powell

