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## Testimony to the House Judiciary Committee In Support of HB2001

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Chairman Patton and Committee Members:

Our associations support HB2001. Sexual extortion cases are life changing for their victims. Many times these victims will face a lifetime of uncertainty of when they will be confronted by embarrassing images or situations created during these very harmful acts of sexual extortion. In the worst-case scenarios these cases can end in forcing a person into being sexually trafficked and even result in suicide of a victim who sees no way out of the situation they find themselves in.

Our support for this bill is related to Section 1 of the bill creating the crime of sexual extortion. The severe mental and even physical trauma these acts can create are deserving of a crime specific to these situations.

While we are not opposed to section 2, we simply are not opining on that area of the bill.

We urge the committee to move this bill forward.

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