

**PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED**

*Petition to adopt meaningful age verification*

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED RESIDENTS OF CANADA, draw the attention of the House to the following:

WHEREAS an estimate 90% of boys and 60% of girls view online pornography before age 18;

WHEREAS the average boy sees pornography at age 12;

WHEREAS the majority of sexually explicit material features violence toward, and the domination, degradation and humiliation of women and girls;

WHEREAS the effects of the ease of accessibility of violent and degrading sexually explicit material is a matter of public health;

WHEREAS a child's exposure to violent sexually explicit material is a form of child abuse;

WHEREAS Article 17 of the UN *Convention on the Rights of the Child*, requires Canada to develop the means to protect children from forms of media that are 'injurious to his or her well-being...';

THEREFORE your petitioners call upon the House of Commons to require meaningful age verification on all adult websites.

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