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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary
In Support of HB2183
March 4, 2025**

Chair Warren and Committee Members:

Our associations support HB2183 as amended by the House Committee of the Whole, relating to the misuse of artificial intelligence and other computerized or electronic technologies to create images of sexual content as described in the bill. The amendments in this bill clarify that activity that is already illegal includes the use of artificial intelligence or other technology in these acts.

It seems nearly everything created for good finds some people willing to use it for bad things causing harm to others. So it is with artificial intelligence. While this technology has recently expanded rapidly in use and capabilities, we are already seeing cases where innocent photos of children and adults are being manipulated to make it appear the person is engaging in sexual activities or nudity they were not actually engaged in. These images are most often used to embarrass or intimidate the person in the image. Occasionally they are used to blackmail people into doing things they otherwise wouldn't do under threat of spreading the images to others.

As an example, on April 29, 2024, the FBI released a news article about such a case in North Carolina:¹

“He was also found to have used generative artificial intelligence (AI) to digitally alter clothed images of minors into child pornography. Generative AI lets users easily create new content based on inputs, like existing images and detailed descriptions. In Tatum’s case, inputs included old photographs of classmates and others who were under 18 when the pictures were taken.

FBI Charlotte Special Agents Scott Atwood and Marisa Brown, who led the investigation into Tatum, said the AI-generated images were extremely realistic.”

It is critical we have laws that protect these victims from this abuse.

We believe the proposed changes to law are necessary to discourage this conduct and hold those accountable that continue to abuse advancing technology for evil purposes.

We encourage you to move this bill forward favorably.

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¹ <https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/charlotte-child-sexual-abuse-material-case-shows-unsettling-reach-of-ai-generated-imagery>