



**Florida
Faith-Based and Community-Based
Advisory Council**

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Dear Members of the Florida Senate,

The Florida Faith-based and Community-based Advisory Council is writing this letter in support of SR 480, sponsored by Senator Kelli Stargel. Our Council unanimously voted in support of this resolution that acknowledges the public health crisis created by pornography and the need for education, prevention, research and policy change to protect the citizens of our state. Pornography has harmful effects on individuals who view it and can cause adverse effects harming children and families. As a Council, we are committed to protecting and helping children and families by facilitating connections to improve the services delivered to Floridians.

Research has found a link between the use of pornography and an increase in sexual assault, domestic violence and other violent behaviors. It has also been linked to the increased demand for human sex trafficking and prostitution. Pornography has been attributed to marital issues, such as infidelity and divorce, which hurts families, especially children.

We urge your support and voice in acknowledging the public health crisis caused by pornography, and to encourage other members of the Florida Senate to stand in support of this resolution. We look forward to opportunities to work with you to make policy changes that result in a safer and stronger Florida.

Sincerely,

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