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The Honorable Ross Spano
Florida House of Representatives
417 House Office Building
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear Representative Spano,

The Florida Faith-based and Community-based Advisory Council is writing this letter to thank you for your leadership, and to voice our support of HR 157. 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.

As you may know, 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 are sending a letter to all members of the Florida House of Representatives to urge their support in acknowledging the public health crisis caused by pornography, and to encourage them to stand in support of this resolution. We welcome opportunities to work with you and the Florida House of Representatives to make policy changes that result in a safer and stronger Florida.

Sincerely,

Carl Reeves, Chair
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