

Chairwoman Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Children are the most innocent among us and they need our help to maintain that status. As a mother, I urge a Do Pass on SB 2360. Our young ones are being exposed to pornography earlier and more blatantly than ever before, and it can affect them for a lifetime. It is concerning to think that our taxpayer dollars are being spent in part to expose our children to things that can change their brain chemistry and ruin relationships and lives.

While systems may be in place in schools to protect children from things they should not see, this bill would be another layer of protection for them, and as a mother, there can never be too much protection against the dangers of pornography for my child. While it is ultimately the job of parents to protect their children, this bill will help ensure that minors will not have easy access to visuals and language normalizing (among other things) STIs and sexting*, and encouraging sexual behavior in eight-year-olds**.

I urge a Do Pass on SB 2360.

Thank you,
Grace Boehm

* "Let's Talk About It, A Teen's Guide to Sex, Relationships, and Being a Human," By Erika Moen and Matthew Nolan P. 133, 149-53

** "Sex is a Funny Word" By Cory Silverberg P. 108