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For fourteen years I have singularly focused on the issue of the harms of pornography. I have interacted with parents, students, lawmakers, the courts, law enforcement, media and clinicians to address this tsunami of harms. In support of the Kansas House Resolution on Pornography, A Public Health Crisis, I point to the two booklets containing evidence-based findings of pornography's negative effects on individuals and communities. I draw your attention to Kansas laws that historically recognize and support the mitigation of harmful effects of obscene and eroticized materials that act as a catalyst, fueling fantasy based criminal behavior. Beginning with Chapter 21 CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC MORALS.

- 21-6401 Promoting obscenity; promoting obscenity to minors.**
- 21-6402 Promotion to minors, material harmful to minors.**
- 21-5611 Unlawful transmission of a visual depiction of a child**
- 21-6419 Selling sexual relations**
- 22-4618 Reporting of sexually violent crimes and pornographic materials**
- 22-4902 Sexually violent crime**
- 60-5003 Victims of human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation of a child.**
- 75-2589 Kansas children's internet protection act**
- 60-5001 Victims of child pornography.**
- 12-741 Planning and zoning in cities and counties; ...for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare...**
- 12-770. ...Sexually oriented businesses** The governing body may adopt... reasonable regulations for the gradual elimination of sexually oriented businesses which constitute nonconforming uses.

The bully pulpit of this legislative body must echo the moral, evidenced based research, and statutory resolve to this public health crisis exacerbated by pornographic materials. This resolve is not just an intellectual assent; it is common sense, further promoting the general welfare of our great state of Kansas.

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