

March 28, 2025 Minnesota Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee Minnesota Senate Office Building 95 University Ave W St Paul, MN 55103

Re: Vote yes on SF1577

Chair Latz and Members of the Committee,

Minnesota Family Council represents tens of thousands of families across the state, and on their behalf, we urge you to support SF1577.

We appreciate Senator Seeberger's work to make possession and creation of child-like sex dolls criminal activity and to require persons convicted of possession and creation of a child-like sex dolls to be registered as predatory offenders. SF1577 also prohibits possession and creation of artificial intelligence (AI) generated child sexual abuse material. The state of Minnesota rightfully recognizes adult sex acts with minors and possession and creation of child sexual abuse material to be criminal activity. Simulating these activities through the creation and use of a child-like sex doll or AI child sexual abuse material promotes this predatory behavior off the screen and with children.

Research literature documents the connection between pornography usage and simulation of sexual assault and violence in actual sexual encounters as displayed in pornography and child sexual abuse material. ^{1,2} Child-like sex dolls and AI generated child sexual abuse material must not be deemed insignificant since a human child is not involved in those scenarios. The gap between these activities and the abuse of children is narrow.

Good public policy promotes human flourishing and protection of those who cannot advocate for themselves. We express our gratitude to Senator Seeberger for seeking to protect children in this manner and ask you to support SF1577.

Regards,

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¹Paquette, S., Brouillette-Alarie, S., & Seto, M. C. (2022). Pornography Use, Offense-Supportive Cognitions, Atypical Sexual Interests, and Sexual Offending against Children. *Journal of Sex Research*, *59*(6), 792–804. https://doi.org/10.1080/00224499.2021.2023450

²Herbenick, D., Fu, T., Carver, D. N., Brandenberg, D., Balle, M., & Eastman-Mueller, H. (2025). Prevalence and Correlates of Sexual Choking and Consensual Non-Consent (CNC) Among College Students: Findings from a Campus-Representative Survey. *Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy*, *51*(2), 224–242. https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1080/0092623X.2025.2458173