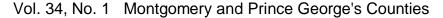
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The "Porn, Public Health Crisis" Resolution is Voted Down Again

MCAP was honored to again provide testimony in support of the renewed effort to pass a joint resolution, HJ 4, in the Maryland House of Delegates, to declare pornography to be a public health crisis. Eva Murphy and Peggy Cairns spoke on Mon., Feb. 25, 1:00 PM before the House Rules Committee. We thank Del. Neil Parrott and 3 others, for sponsoring this.

Other excellent witnesses joined in this effort: Patrina Moseley from the Family Research Council, Haley Halverson and Kim Lilienthal of NCOSE, Arthur Milikh of the Heritage Foundation, Prof. Joseph Prud'homme of Washington College along with a young lady student who is an R.A. in a dorm, plus Jon Harris, a dad telling his own story of how porn adversely affected his life and marriage, and that of his 7th grade son, who has been seeing sexually explicit texting messages among his schoolmates and saved extreme porn images shared among them like baseball cards.

So WHY, we must ask, do these warnings seem to fall on deaf ears? The House Rules Committee vote details are shown below. A resolution does not require any expenditures by the state, so there can be no fiscal reason for this to be disapproved. How can it be a partisan issue? And yet it seems to be, as only Republican delegates are willing to sponsor or vote for it. We will be seeking answers! We want to know, if this is not the legislative vehicle, then what is?

Bill/Resolution Number: HJ 4 Rules and Executive Nominations Committee 3/13/2019 Voting Record - 2019 Session Final Action: UNF Yea Nay Abstain Excused Absent Healey, A., Chai Glenn, C., Vice Chair Atterbeary, V. Barve, K. 1 1 Branch, T. Davis, D. Dumais, K Galnes, T. / Kipke, N. McComas, S McIntosh, M. Miller, W. Pena-Melnyk, J Pendergrass, S. Szeliga, K Committee Reporter:

land committee hearings are conducted and so poorly attended. Both last year and this, the number of members of the committee who actually heard what the 10 witnesses had to say was woefully small, perhaps 8 out of 24 (1/3) in attendance on Feb. 25. Only 1 question was asked. How can they even feel qualified to vote on a matter they scarcely have been informed about? Last year, of those who attended, many seem inattentive. People walk around during testimony, shuffle papers, swivel in their seats, generally giving the appearance of being inattentive. Many witnesses go to great effort and travel a long distance to come testify but are given a strict 2 minutes; if one starts to exceed that allotted time, the chair interrupts and tells them to sum-

What is additionally troubling is the way the Mary-

On Mar. 6, Peggy Cairns, for MCAP, also spoke and submitted written testimony before the House Judiciary Committee, on 4 bills. HB 691, HB 1027 (SB 736), HB 1048 (exonerating from a child porn felony charge anyone under the age of 18) on child porn, and HB 1084 on elevating the crime of human sex trafficking from a misdemeanor to a felony.

marize. This would not be difficult to acquiesce to, ex-

cept we noted, for other bills being heard, the witness-

es are allowed to speak longer.

MCAP's web page has a link to current legislative matters: http://mcap1.com/mcap/legislation.



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New Treasurer

The Executive Board is pleased to welcome Janice Ramirez as MCAP's Treasurer. She will succeed Don Hare. Janice is a former software engineer now retired from the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, currently volunteering for AARP Foundation tax-aide program with treasurer experience with a family-run business, https://blueleafnursery.com, and 13 years with an LLC. She enjoys grandkids, gardening, family, friends, and vacations.

Thanks to Long Time Officer and Friend

Don Hare has been the Treasurer of the Coalition since its inception! He has been a stalwart defender of decency and a good and faithful friend through good times and bad. He and his wife, Dorothy, have steadfastly been there, often with several of their children, whenever we needed them. Although Don has passed the baton on his duties as Treasurer, we are so glad to have him remain as a valued member of the Executive Board.



Upcoming MCAP Activities

- March 30: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Human Trafficking Awareness presentation at CrossPoint Community Church, Edgewood, MD (in cooperation with the organization, Hannah's Hope)
 WHUR radio interview, on the Steve Harvey show
- Sat., May 4: Tots to Teens Expo
- **Wed., May 22:** Presentation to the Justice & Advocacy Committee in Montgomery County, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Kensington

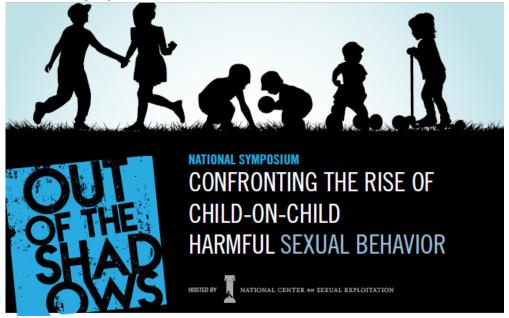
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At University of Maryland College Park Campus

In front of Fort Washington fake massage parlor

National Symposium: Child on Child Sexual Behavior



The crime of child sexual abuse is sadly a familiar one to the American public. However, one category of child sexual abuse has largely escaped the public's attention: child-on-child sexual abuse.

To help equip parents, educators, school administrators, treatment professionals and policymakers to address these complex issues and challenges, The National Center on Sexual Exploitation is encouraging that we come together to not only provide help and healing for the victim but to also provide help and healing for the youth who offends.

This symposium is being held in collaboration with the National Catholic School of Social Service at The Catholic University of America and Protect Young Minds.

Please register to attend: https://endsexualexploitation.org/cocsa

March 20-21, 2019 National Symposium at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC OUT OF THE SHADOWS: CONFRONTING THE RISE OF CHILD-ON-CHILD HARMFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

* CEUs for Social Work Available Event coordinator, Casey, 334-224-3699

ACTION BOX

- [] The Executive Board has several opportunities for (you/individuals) to learn how to advocate for decency in the fight against pornography. We are looking for several new people to mentor in areas of public education, lobbying State and Local elected officials and general association management. We have a solid team and are looking to expand our reach. If you or someone you could recommend, would be interested in joining in this exciting endeavor, please email us at mcapinc@juno.com or call 301-439-8475.
- [] If you are represented in Annapolis by any of the 16 members of the House Rules Committee, who voted to give HJ 4 an unfavorable report (see the list, page 1), or who were excused, consider emailing them to ask why they opposed it. MCAP would like to hear from anyone who gets an explanatory reply. The 3 delegates who voted "no" deserve a word of thanks..
- [] Join MCAP on Sat., May 4, 10 am-5 pm, for the Tots to Teens Expo at the PG Sports & Learning Complex, 8001 Sheriff Rd, Landover, MD 20785. Lots of fun family activities, give-aways and information. Free admission; details on how to register: https://www.totstoteensexpo.com/

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