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The Honorable Eric Holder  
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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Greetings and congratulations on your appointment as attorney general. Since the advent of the Internet, illegal pornography has flooded homes, businesses, public libraries, and even schools. The results have been devastating to America. Pornography addiction is now common among men, women, and even many children. Children are creating cell phone child pornography, in a new trend called, "sexting." Pornography use is now a significant factor in divorce. Hotels, motels, cable and satellite companies, and other businesses are making tremendous profits by offering illegal, obscene pornography. America is becoming a "pornified culture," as author and *Time* magazine writer Pamela Paul has stated.

We are compelled to write to you and ask for an expansion of the Administration's efforts against the scourge of pornography. To discuss this issue further, we respectfully request to meet with you at the earliest opportunity.

We are heartened by your past expressions of concern about the spread of illegal pornography. In a memorandum of June 10, 1998, from you to all United States Attorneys while you were Deputy Attorney General, you said,

"Thus, priority should be given to cases involving large-scale distributors who realize substantial income from multistate operations and cases in which there is evidence of organized crime involvement. However, prosecution of cases involving relatively small distributors can have a deterrent effect and would dispel any notion that obscenity distributors are insulated from prosecution if their operations fail to exceed a predetermined size or if they fragment their business into small-scale operations. ... Because of the nature of the Internet and the availability of agents trained in conducting criminal investigations in cyberspace, investigation and prosecution of Internet obscenity is particularly suitable for federal resources."

We hope that you still share these same sentiments now that the problem of illegal pornography has become immeasurably worse. We urge you to continue to speak out publicly against illegal pornography and encourage U.S. Attorneys to fulfill their obligations under federal law and vigorously prosecute the purveyors of obscenity. We know the public would be behind you in this regard.

Thank you for considering the importance of this issue. We value your past efforts and accomplishments in the fight against illegal obscenity thus far and trust that we can discuss ways to partner with you on this crucial endeavor to further protect children and families. We are available to meet with you at your earliest convenience. God bless you, Mr. Attorney General.

Most sincerely,



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