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HCR26-1002 Require Age Verification for Pornographic Material

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Greg Haitz For themselves	<p>Support for HCR 26-1002 “ Protecting Minors from Harmful Content</p> <p>Dear Members of the Legislature,</p> <p>I am writing in support of HCR 26-1002, the proposed measure to require age verification for access to online pornography in Colorado.</p> <p>As a healthcare provider serving families here in Western Colorado, I see firsthand the real-world consequences of early and repeated exposure to explicit material. The research, and more importantly, lived experience, continues to show that pornography can have a deeply negative impact on developing minds, relationships, and overall well-being, especially when exposure begins at a young age.</p> <p>Colorado already recognizes that certain products and experiences should be limited to adults. We require age verification for purchasing firearms, buying tobacco, and even attending R-rated movies. These safeguards are widely accepted as reasonable protections for minors. Requiring age verification for access to online pornography is no different, it is a consistent and necessary extension of standards we already uphold.</p> <p>The current digital environment has made explicit content more accessible than ever before, often with little to no barrier to entry. This is not a theoretical concern, it is a reality facing families across our state. Parents should not have to fight this battle alone when common-sense protections can and should be in place.</p> <p>Many other states have already taken steps in this direction, recognizing both the seriousness of the issue and the responsibility to act. Colorado</p>

	<p>has the opportunity to do the same by putting this question before voters and ultimately establishing clear, enforceable standards.</p> <p>This is not about restricting adult access. It is about ensuring that adult content remains for adults.</p> <p>I respectfully urge you to support HCR 26-1002 and allow Colorado voters the opportunity to weigh in on this important issue.</p> <p>Sincerely, Greg C. Haitz, DC Rimrock Wellness Center Grand Junction, Colorado</p>
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