

MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members

From: Representative MaryLouise Isaacson

Date: September 20, 2019

Re: Electronic Transmission of Sexually Explicit Images

Despite the success of the #MeToo movement, sexual harassment remains a serious problem in our society, particularly due to online forms of sexual harassment. 20% of women and 10% of men ages 18 to 29 report having been sexually harassed online. Additionally, 54% of women ages 18 to 29 report that they have been sent sexually explicit images that they did not request.

In response to this issue, Texas recently passed legislation to prohibit the sending of unsolicited sexually explicit images. My legislation would mirror the Texas legislation to better protect Pennsylvanians from being subjected to explicit and obscene images without their consent. Please join me in combatting online sexual harassment and ensuring the dignity of all Pennsylvanians.