

CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members

From: Representative MaryLouise Isaacson

Date: December 7, 2020

Subject: 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. Some 53% of young women and 37% of young men said they've received explicit images they didn't ask for, according to a 2017 survey by Pew Research Center. And a 2018 survey by dating app Bumble showed one in three women have received nude photos from strangers, with 96% saying they didn't want images that have been sent via text, messaged through social media or even AirDropped over while they're walking through public spaces.

In response to this issue, Texas passed legislation in late 2019 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.