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Making the Internet Safer for Children and Families

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Federal obscenity prosecution.—The Committee supports the work of DOJ in investigating and prosecuting major producers and distributors of hardcore adult pornography that meets the Supreme Court test for obscenity. Such enforcement is necessary to protect the welfare of families and children as traffickers in illegal adult obscenity seek to extend their influence through advances in technology. The Committee directs DOJ to increase its efforts in enforcing Federal obscenity laws.

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Restricting Online Obscenity.—The Committee is concerned that the expansion of unrestricted Wi-Fi in Government, Educational, and Commercial facilities is creating unsafe public environments due to the freely available access to online obscenity. The Committee encourages the Department to award Economic, High-tech, White Collar and Cybercrime Prevention grants for programs that encourage greater corporate, government, and institutional responsibility for safer, more secure public Wi-Fi networks using readily available technology solutions to filter illegal child abuse images and obscene content. Internet Safety Grants.

The Committee is concerned that existing Federal laws to prevent the Internet-enabled exploitation of children have not been adequately enforced, leading to increased harm to minors from obscenity, child pornography, predation, sex trafficking, and cyberbullying. Within funding provided for the Economic, High-tech, White Collar and Cybercrime Prevention grant program, the Department is encouraged to support grants to nonprofit organizations to produce Internet safety programs, using a comprehensive, evidence-based curriculum, to educate law enforce and adults about the dangers children face on the Internet.