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Hello, this brief is addressed to the committee in regards to the hearings taking place regarding Pornhub. My stage name is Amber Haze and I have been an independent porn creator working for myself for the past 5 years. In my 5 years in this industry I have used Pornhub for about 2 years. They used to not have any type of model program and once they made one I jumped on! Now I could get paid for videos of me that were stolen and uploaded or request their removal. In order to be paid by Pornhub I had to fully verify my ID. I can provide proof of this for the committee as well. They used to allow anyone to upload videos without monetary payouts to the uploader but in order to be paid you needed full ID and consent for every model in every video. Since the removal of Visa and MasterCard on Pornhub I have lost several hundred dollars each month and friends of mine much much more as this was not a huge site to me, albeit is still a loss and during a pandemic no less when many of us have seen our business slow down as well as so many new people join the industry to try to make ends meet. Limiting card use only causes harm to consensual sex workers who were already fully ID'd and consented. I have extensive knowledge of the porn and full service sex work industries as well as work with several organizations for sex workers and full decriminalization and I believe I would be a valuable speaker.

I have contacted the committee previously and was ignored in my request for sex workers to have a voice at this hearing, instead religious extremists are being allowed to speak who aim to shut down my industry entirely for false flag reasons. (NCOSE, Laila Mickelwait of Exodus Cry, are both openly for abolition, encouraging the narrative that all sex workers need to be "saved", all avail on their websites.) (Footnote 1, 2 & 3).

Yes illegal content existed on Pornhub, I would like to openly address this and do not agree whatsoever with the way some take downs were handled in many cases. However exploitation material exists widely on social media like Twitter, Facebook and Instagram and not only do they not fight these sites they openly use them to spread their message while telling sex workers they shouldn't use Pornhub because of this type of material, personally I find that a little hypocritical. I am also not defending Pornhub let's make that clear, they had issues with illegal and stolen content and sex workers told them for YEARS to change their policies to what they are at now. Often we are not listened to, like here and now. Now that these changes have been made and these organizations get more and more say in laws affecting us and we get less and less say we fear more regulations and changes to our industry.

We already provide full ID and consent we are not at fault and should not suffer for people anonymously uploading illegal content! We want this stopped too! We want to do our jobs safely. Regulations against the industry harm sex workers and help no one. Several of your witnesses are known religious extremists campaigning against even movies with sex in them on Netflix (NCOSE) yet we are not allowed to speak? (See their website for their new "Dirty Dozen" list of sexual exploitation including Netflix, Amazon and the entire state of Nevada) (Footnote 4)

I would like myself and other sex workers to be allowed to speak at this hearing. I offer to be a witness as well as I know many others have as well. We are legal workers who pay taxes and we deserve and have every right to speak for ourselves and our industry. Especially when it

comes to creating policy. We want only consenting fully ID individuals to be allowed to create and sell content. This would prevent illegal content. We should be allowed to have our jobs and protect victims and it literally can be done if we are listened to! We are not all victims and truly most of us work safely from our own homes and these people want us to no longer be able to do this harming some of the most marginalized among us.

You may ask yourselves if you don't like a site why work on it? Well as you know well pornhub is one of the biggest names in the business and often people have to decide 'Well do I want to post on pornhub and increase my exposure greatly and likely my income and feed my family? after all I am a consenting adult uploading legal consented self created porn... Or do I not use it for some type of puritan reason that won't actually help anyone?' Survival sex workers who use this as their main income for their entire families especially since the pandemic started often use any avenue they can legally and consensually and this does not harm any victims. Pornhub needs to be better. Needed to be better when removing this content but regulating the industry and limiting card payments, only hurts us.

Several sex work organizations have plenty of evidence and information supporting what I am saying about these regulations as well as these witnesses. Including Project Wuornos (<https://twitter.com/ProjectWuornos>) and Canadian Sex Work Alliance (<https://twitter.com/CDNSWAlliance>). As well as info on how extra regulations like the shut down of backpage and whatever else is to come now are so harmful to so many women and does not help victims!! The best way to help victims is to listen to sex workers and lift us up including us in these decisions that effect us! Pushing us further underground creates more victims than it will EVER help. We are workers. We are Canadian. We have a right to speak.

Thank you for listening to this brief and hopefully to sex workers and allow me or any of us to speak to the committee.

Thank you,  
Amber Haze

Footnote 1: <https://exoduscry.com/oursolution/changinglaws/> Where they list under changing laws "End Demand" or more commonly known as the nordic model for full service sex workers however she is now extending this to the porn industry.

Footnote 2: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National\\_Center\\_on\\_Sexual\\_Exploitation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Center_on_Sexual_Exploitation) NCOSE formerly "Morality In Media" is listed as abolitionist as well as anti-porn. They want to shut down the industry and all sexual media, not help victims.

Footnote 3: <https://endsexualexploitation.org/> NCOSE, listed directly on their website as opposing pornography. Therefore they have ulterior motives when speaking about my industry.