Inquiry into age verification for online wagering and online pornography Submission 20

Dear Parliament members,

I have very little experience with regards to submissions and being involved in politics at all but I just could not ignore this opportunity to ask you to please increase the safe guards against children watching pornography. I was exposed to pornography at the age of 6 by someone I knew who had downloaded it and hid it on their family computer who was only at the age of 11. It immediately corrupted my life and I lost all innocence at such a young age which I tell you now hurts so much that I lost my childhood. I became addicted to it, it taught me how to perform sexual acts and by the time I was a teenager I was a depraved, isolated and lonely person who was suicidal. It took me many years to break with that addiction and I can now say I have been completely porn free for over six years. The quality of my life has increased dramatically and I am no longer depressed and have healthy relationships with women. I beg you please, please make it impossible for someone under age to access anything pornographic on their own, it is destroying lives, making this generation depraved and putting our future at stake of brutality by teaching children that people are lumps of flesh to be used for pleasure and have no inherant human dignity.

Thank you.