PETITION TO U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL
PLEASE ENFORCE FEDERAL INTERNET OBSCENITY LAWS!

The U.S. Supreme Court has held that obscene material is "unprotected by the First Amendment" and that there are "legitimate governmental interests at stake" in stemming the tide of obscenity, *"even assuming it is feasible to enforce effective safeguards against exposure to juveniles*."

It is clear, however, that we have failed to protect children from Internet pornography.

According to a study by the Crimes Against Children's Resource Center, the percentage of Internet users ages 10-17 who were exposed to *unwanted* pornography in the previous year increased from 25% in 2000 to 34% in 2005. According to a 2004 survey by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, 45% of teens have friends who regularly view pornography from the Internet.

Congress enacted legislation in 1996 to prohibit obscenity on the Internet. The National Research Council issued a Report in 2002 that said "aggressive enforcement' of obscenity laws can help reduce children's access to Internet pornography. According to an opinion poll conducted in 2004 by Wirthlin, 81% of adults said federal Internet obscenity laws should be "vigorously enforced." YOU HAVE SAID ENFORCEMENT OF OBSCENITY LAWS IS A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT "PRIORITY."

Most Federal prosecutors, however, have not enforced these laws; and as a result, a veritable floodtide of hardcore pornography is pouring through the Internet into countless American homes, where even small children can be exposed to obscenity and older children can easily find it.

In addition to corrupting children's minds and morals, Internet obscenity is also contributing to the breakup of marriages, to sexual crimes against adults and children, and to an erosion of decency.

Please protect children and all Americans from hardcore pornography on the Internet by ensuring that the Justice Department enforces federal Internet obscenity laws vigorously.

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