

PLEASE MUSLIMS SUPPORT SAFER MEDIA CAMPAIGN/SIGN PETITIONS/SEND IT TO ALL MUSLIMS...

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Dear friends

**Please help safeguard our children's future – important opportunities to make your voice heard**

### **1. Maria Miller's summit and the continued need for Baroness Howe's Online Safety Bill**

our thanks to all of you who contacted Maria Miller about the summit which she had with internet companies on 18 June. You wrote some great emails! Safermedia's views also continued to attract a lot of interest, and we have had 3 interviews on SKY TV news over the last month.

Some replies have started to arrive from DCMS, saying that:

- The main internet companies have agreed to take more effective action to remove child abuse images from the internet and offered more funding to the Internet Watch Foundation to do so. The IWF will now be able to proactively seek out and remove this illegal material.

- Work will continue to make it easier for parents to install one-click opt-OUT filters to block adult pornography (most of which is legal) and make public wi-fi safer.

All of this is very substantial progress, but still puts the burden on parents to limit their children's access. Public desire for firm action from government and the internet companies is growing every day: a ComRes / ITV News poll found that 73% of people want search engines to filter out all pornographic online content unless people specifically opt in to access it

Therefore, hopes for the 'gold standard' opt-IN filter, still rest with Baroness Howe's Online Safety Bill, which would move away from self-regulation and impose legal obligations on this rich and powerful industry.  
**ACTION 1**

If you have not already done so, please write to one or more peers to urging them to seek an early second reading of Baroness Howe's Bill and to support it. For all the information you need, scroll down to the news we sent out on 1 June, on our website at:

<http://www.safermedia.org.uk/newsactions.htm>

NB: A more detailed report of the status quo can be found on CARE's website at:

<http://www.care.org.uk/protecting-families-online/will-web-giants-and-the-government-take-decisive-action-on-online-porn>

**2. Please support other campaigns that are fighting the sexualisation of our culture**  
We thank God for all the people speaking out and pray it will bring positive change.

### **ACTION 2**

**Take a photo – urgent: just 2 days left.** The Child Eyes campaign is working to remove sexual imagery from childhood. See: <http://yourchildeyes.wordpress.com>

Can you contribute photos from your area to demonstrate how widespread the problem of sexualised imagery is? The Guardian newspaper is asking for photographic evidence:

<https://witness.guardian.co.uk/assignment/51bf3a24e4b04a1361c94e71>

**Ask your MP to support Caroline Lucas MP** who as part of the No More Page 3 campaign is calling for the palace of Westminster to stop selling The Sun until they drop Page 3. For info about how to do this, including email template, go to: <http://nomorepage3.org/news/help-caroline-lucas/>

**Sign SPUC's petition** opposing school lessons in pornography, which are being promoted by the Sex Education Forum (SEF). Current plans for these lessons are more likely to attract young school pupils to porn than discourage them. Read more at:

<http://www.spuc.org.uk/campaigns/>

**Sign Rape Crisis's Petition** to strengthen legislation against porn which depicts rape:  
<http://www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/close-the-rape-pornography-loophole>

**Oppose Annual Naked bike rides through our major cities.** If there is a ride in your area, please contact your MP. Other key people worth contacting: Baroness Sayeeda Warsi, the Minister for Faith and Communities. Email: [warsis@parliament.uk](mailto:warsis@parliament.uk) Tel:02070082429 Address: House of Lords, London, SW1A 0PW. Rt. Hon. Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Eland House, Brossenden Place, London, SW1E 5DU  
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You could also call Sue Carter in Portsmouth (T: 0232 9266 2257) who is opposing the bike rides, which exploit a loophole in legislation.

### **3. Positive material online to help parents over the summer**

<http://www.common sense media.org> As school holidays beckon, this website offers some useful practical help, e.g.

- 25 cool things kids can learn online (for free!)

<http://www.common sense media.org/blog/25-cool-things-kids-can-learn-online-for-free>

- 10 most violent video games and 10 alternatives

Our thanks and best wishes to you all,

Pippa and Miranda, Tushar, Nigel, Catherine and Marcus

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