

## Wonderful News! PM cracks down on internet porn

Dear Friends

### **MASSIVE step forward for opt-in campaign as David Cameron acts decisively to block child abuse images and regulate adult pornography on the internet**

On Sunday and Monday the Prime Minister (PM) announced several strong new measures to combat online pornography following discussion with the Big Six ISPs and search engines, such as Google:

#### **Legal adult pornography**

- Over 90% of households will soon have to make an unavoidable choice about whether or not to have pre-set filters that block online porn and other harmful online content (new customers by the end of 2013, and 19 million existing ones by the end of 2014).
- This choice will have to be made by an adult over 18.
- The filter will cover all internet-enabled devices in the household.
- Public wi-fi will be filtered.
- An adult bar will be put on all new mobile phones.
- Possession of porn simulating rape will now become an offence.

#### **Illegal child abuse images**

- Search engines must voluntarily ban searches for child abuse images, or the PM will introduce legislation.
- They must put far more resources into identifying illegal websites and helping the Internet Watch Foundation to take them down.
- The PM is spearheading joint action on this with the US.

#### **General**

- The government is putting more resources into educating parents and children about internet safety.
- All this will be monitored by existing media regulator, Ofcom.
- Claire Perry MP tells us that she will remain closely involved. We are meeting with her in August.

#### **We still have a few concerns**

- So far this is voluntary, and the pre-set filters will only affect customers of the 'Big Six' wi-fi providers.
- Eventually smaller ISPs will need to be included.
- The efficacy of the age verification process will need to be checked.

Overall this is a major victory, and the PM deserves our thanks. He also needs every encouragement, as opposition still exists. To read his speech on this issue go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/the-internet-and-pornography-prime-minister-calls-for-action>

#### **ACTION**

##### **Please consider thanking David Cameron:**

- by sending an email via the following website:  
<https://email.number10.gov.uk/Contact.aspx>
- and/or commenting on his Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151813729823453&set=a.10150173463998453.341973.7303343452&type=1>

And our thanks go to all of **YOU**, who have supported the campaign with your signatures, letters and prayers. Special thanks also to our brilliant Safetynet partners at Premier Christian Media.

*'Now Our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.'* (I Chron. 29:13)

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