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As the largest secular medical professional organization of medical professionals who practice according to the Hippocratic Oath, AAPLOG affirms several important aspects of the Promise to America's Children. As medical professionals working in reproductive health, we have seen firsthand the damage caused by sex trafficking and sexual abuse. We strongly agree that "Every child deserves to be protected from being used in or exposed to pornography, graphic sexual content or activities as well as from being exposed to it in media and on the Internet." Sexual trafficking, besides being a significant issue on its own for our country's children, also is associated with a high incidence of forced abortions, which damage these children even further.

As medical professionals who specialize in reproductive health, we recognize the physical vulnerability of young women and strongly support physically safe spaces where young women can be guaranteed to be free from sexual coercion or sexual violence.

As medical professionals who specialize in reproductive health, we recognize that there is currently a significant lack of information on the long-term effects of elective physical interventions to change body morphology, and that some attempts to change body morphology will result in permanent sterilization. Interventions which lack long-term study and follow up must be considered scientifically experimental procedures, and the protection of human subjects in experimentation must be guaranteed to anyone who is recruited for such procedures.

Understanding teen cognitive development, especially as regards to risk taking behavior, we strongly support the involvement of parents in guiding information about reproductive health issues and strongly support the option of parents being able to review all curriculum, reading materials, teachers guides and computer programs or apps, especially as related to information on abortion. Many pro-abortion sources specifically downplay the significant risks of abortion to teens, in an attempt to market the procedure. We support the removal of any abortion-promoting curricula from schools as these leave teens with the impression that abortions are normal and involve minimal risk, as opposed to being truthful about the extreme risks involved. Each child deserves to know these risks (at an appropriate age, as determined by their parents) so that they can make healthy choices for their physical and mental health.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Harrison MD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

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