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## Legislation Outlawing AI-Generated Child Sexual Abuse Images Signed into Law

VENTURA, Calif. – Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 1831, strengthening laws against child sexual abuse material (CSAM), including AI-generated content. Authored by Assemblymember Marc Berman and co-sponsored by Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko, AB 1831 addresses the emergence of artificial intelligence (AI) technology capable of creating images indistinguishable from traditional photographs, including CSAM.

“Assemblymember Berman, with his keen understanding of the dangers posed by deepfake technology, was instrumental in guiding this bill to signature,” said District Attorney Nasarenko. “Today, a dangerous AI loophole has now been closed.”

The new law emphasizes that the use of AI to generate CSAM is harmful as it continues the victimization of real children whose likeness is used in creating these images.

Sixteen-year-old Ventura County resident Kaylin Hayman is one of those real children. Hayman, a former Disney actress, was victimized by a man in Pennsylvania who created CSAM featuring her face on sexually explicit images. Although the images were not punishable under California law prior to this bill being signed, Hayman testified in the federal court case, where the defendant was convicted and sentenced to 14 years in prison. Using her experience to promote greater protections for others, Kaylin has been a strong public advocate for AB 1831, making two trips to Sacramento to testify in favor of the new law.

“Advocating for this bill has been extremely empowering, and I am grateful to the DA’s office as well as my parents for supporting me through this process,” Hayman said. “This law will be revolutionary, and justice will be served to future victims.”

“Through our work with Kaylin Hayman, who courageously shared her experience as a victim, we were able to expose the real-life evils of computer-generated images of child sexual abuse,”

District Attorney Nasarenko said. "Kaylin's strength and determination to advocate for this bill will protect minors in the future, and her efforts played a pivotal role in enacting this legislation."

AB 1831 and sister bill SB 1381 amends the Penal Code to expand the definition of CSAM to include AI-generated content. It also revises existing sections related to the possession, distribution, and production of CSAM to explicitly include AI-generated material.

"Child sexual abuse material must be illegal to create, possess, and distribute in California, whether the images are AI-generated or of actual children. AI that is used to create these awful images is trained from thousands of images of real children being abused, revictimizing those children all over again," said Assemblymember Berman. "I'm grateful to Governor Newsom for signing AB 1831, which will ensure that the sexual exploitation of children in California is illegal—including AI-generated pictures and videos of children being sexually abused. This would not be possible without the powerful advocacy from survivors of AI-generated sexual exploitation, like Disney star Kaylin Hayman, who bravely testified to the lasting harm this digital abuse causes to children. I'm grateful to law enforcement for bringing this to my attention and working with me to make sure more children aren't victimized in the future."

Other co-sponsors include the California District Attorneys Association, Common Sense Media, SAG-AFTRA, and University of San Diego School of Law Children's Advocacy Institute.