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To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing this letter today to express my outrage and complete disgust at recent events regarding the City of London and the Everything to do With Sex Show. As a long time patron of this expo, as well as a life long resident of this city, I was not only surprised to learn of the events surrounding the cancellation of the event, but also the bigger issues going on around it as well.

To learn that it was canceled due to the event being sponsored by a pornography site was quite surprising indeed. It is after all a "Sex Show". Now, after a little more reading and researching, I learned that a few groups in London are trying to completely abolish Pornography in our city. This sent my head for a spin. Exactly how does one completely rid an entire city of pornography? It's not a disease. It's not a sickness. It's a medium. It's an extracurricular activity. Yet, I have come to learn that the London Abused Woman's Centre, Stop Porn Culture and Men Against Sexual Trafficking are all trying to abolish pornography throughout London. Not only on computers, but also standing against anything that comes to our city that has to do with pornography.

You say: "Mainstream pornography is body-punishing ... (and) often times shows women being debased." (Directly quoted from Megan Walker of the Abused Women's Centre out of Metro Magazine online) however, nothing was said in the interview about how the A.W.C. has always been at the Sex Show educating people and showing their support. Also, nothing was said about how pornography is extremely more degrading towards MEN than it is towards women. What about the "Triple 8" rule when it comes to men in the pornography industry? If you don't know what that is, allow me to enlighten you. Rule #1 - you MUST have AT LEAST an 8 inch penis. Just because the camera makes things look bigger on film, you first must be able to SEE it on camera! Rule #2 - you MUST live in the 818 area code which is in the San Fernando Valley near Hollywood California. And Rule #3 - you MUST be able to maintain an erection and perform sex for at LEAST 88 minutes! If you "have an unfortunate accident" before the 88 minutes you get what is called "white listed" and won't be able to get hired again. These seem like pretty intense rules. Oh, not to mention that when men first start out, the majority of them have to start out in gay/transsexual porn. Regardless of their sexual orientation.

Now for WOMEN in MAINSTREAM pornography (which is what we are talking about here, because that is what the direct quote is from, and also the company who was sponsoring the Sex Show is mainstream) have COMPLETE CONTROL in what they do, say, act, and everything they do on camera. IT IS THEIR PREROGATIVE should they want to have their "bodies punished" as you put it. Women have FAR more control in mainstream pornography than men do. That being said, there is porn out there, that is NOT regulated, that is very degrading to EVERYONE involved.

Now, instead of out and out banning something that you yourselves may not completely agree with, or possibly fully understand the degrees of, maybe instead you should research and educate yourselves, and those you work with and deal with on a day to day basis. Just because people have been killing each other for thousands of years in the name of God, no one has banned religion. So why are you trying to ban something that also makes millions of people feel good? There is nothing wrong with sex, the act of it whether watching it on tv, your computer, or having sex with your partner. For far too long it has been

looked upon as a "dirty" act. Welcome to 2011. Sex is all around us. It's not dirty, it's not something to be frowned upon, it's something to get excited about, dressed up and stripped down for, and then do it all again next time. It's sex. Everyone does it, yet we all think it's a big secret.

I ask you to please reconsider your decisions and what they are based on. Perhaps instead fight against something like pornography and sex, educate people about it. Stand up along side the Everything to do With Sex Show. The more we educate people, rather than fight against them, the more we can do to fight against the pornography that DOES need to be fought against. Such as child porn rings. If you feel the need to fight against something, take your fight to them. I will stand beside you in that fight with my gloves held high.

I sincerely hope you took the time to read this. I know I am not the only one who feels this way, but perhaps one of the rare few who felt strong enough to stand up and say something about this subject. Sex is not taboo, but I believe fighting against the act of it, and the art behind it is.

Sincerely;

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