

TEMPLATE FOR TESTIMONY LETTER

Honorable (insert Senator/House Representative's name)

Address

City, state, zip

Dear Senator/Representative _____:

I am a victim of non-consensual pornography (revenge porn). [insert date or number of months/ weeks ago] my [insert title (ex-boyfriend/husband) of perpetrator – don't use names] posted [insert what was posted (nude photographs/a video of me)] on [name the specific site, or if more than several, say how many].

Briefly tell your story – how you found out what was posted, if any personal information was included in the posts...stick to the facts.

Explain how this affected you. "I was scared to leave the house, unable to go to work." Avoid just leaving it at "I was scared and depressed." Instead describe specific behaviors or activities you were unable to do or began doing (drinking alcohol, suicide attempt).

Let your senator/representative know yours is but one story. Provide website addresses, so they can become familiar with others' stories. Then write, "I hope you will support HB/SB #" (if you know that a bill is scheduled for a hearing) and, if comfortable doing so, offer to testify at the hearing for that bill. If you aren't sure if a bill is underway or not, encourage your legislator to submit a bill, reiterating how this legislation will impact you, your family, community, children, etc.

Include your contact information.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]