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## **Tell Department of Commerce to Nix .XXX Domain**

Please contact the Department of Commerce and urge the DOC to **refuse to approve the .xxx TLD**. The person to contact at the Office of Public Affairs is Christine Gunderson at (202) 482- 4883. E-mails can be sent to Sec. Carlos M. Gutierrez at: [publicaffairs@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@ntia.doc.gov).

Unless the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) withholds its approval, the porn industry will have its own domain on the World Wide Web, .xxx. Proponents of the domain say that Web sites such as "Hardcore porn.xxx," "Rape Porn.xxx," or "XXXporn.xxx" will make it easier for parents and software filtering companies to protect kids from "adult" material. As if "Hardcore porn.com," "Rape Porn.com," or "XXX porn.com," leave them clueless.

If approved, the porn industry and its allies will be free to self-regulate and operate the domain, which would be entirely voluntary. Internet porn site operators would be free to participate on the .xxx domain and be free to remain on any other Internet domain on which they are registered.

[For additional information see the commentary by CWA's Chief Council, Jan La Rue.](#)

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