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The Honorable William P. Barr
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

We are writing today on behalf of nearly 20,000 parents, grandparents and other citizens who have signed petitions asking you to investigate the sexual exploitation of children on programming produced and/or distributed by Netflix.

In recent years, Netflix has introduced several youth-targeted series and dramas that depict children, or child-aged characters, in explicit sexual situations – the latest example of this being “Cuties,” which debuted on the streaming service just over a month ago.

“Cuties” features scenes of 11-year-old girls performing highly eroticized dance routines. Additionally, the 11-year-old main character is depicted pulling her pants and underpants down to photograph her genitals, which she then posts online. A later scene depicts her disrobing in an attempt to seduce an adult man (who is a family member).

The above-mentioned content was explicit enough to warrant an indictment from a grand jury in Tyler County, Texas for promoting material “which depicts lewd exhibition of pubic area of a clothed or partially clothed child who was younger than 18 years of age which appeals to the prurient interest in sex.”

Surely this content warrants a closer look from the DOJ to see whether Netflix has violated federal statutes against child pornography.

In addition, we would also call your attention to a broader, consistent pattern of Netflix sexualizing and sexually exploiting children.

A Netflix drama called *Desire* depicts a nine-year-old girl masturbating to climax while writhing back and forth on a pillow, pretending it to be a horse.

A Netflix series called *Sex Education* opens with a high-school aged couple having sex. The girl’s breasts were fully exposed as she asks her boyfriend, “Do you like my tits? Do you want to come on them?”

The Netflix original animated series “Big Mouth” is particularly vile in its attempts to sexualize pubescent children. According to the show’s IMDB page, episodes have contained full screen close-up of a 13-year-old’s penis and testicles; a girl talking to her vagina about her life -- the vulva and clitoris and labia are shown in graphic close up for extended periods of time; a middle-school student’s bare breasts are drawn; two 12-year-old and 2 high schoolers play a game where they face each other in competition to see who can ejaculate onto a cracker the fastest.

Such content raises serious legal questions regarding possible child pornography violations, as the characters are represented to be underage minors. Furthermore, the actresses portraying the characters in “Cuties” are indeed minor children.

On behalf of those who have signed onto this letter, and on behalf of countless millions of Americans who are concerned about the sexualization, sexual exploitation and illegal use of children in entertainment, we call on you formally to investigate whether federal laws regarding child sex, indecency, and human trafficking have been violated.

We ask you to investigate for the sake of children who are not only being exploited in the name of entertainment, and not only to protect the children to whom these programs are being marketed; but in fact to protect children everywhere from sexual predation.

Sincerely,



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