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13 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

14 ANTIGONE BOOKS L.L.C.; et al.  
15 Plaintiffs,

16 -v-

17 TOM HORNE, in his capacity as Attorney  
General of the State of Arizona; et al.  
18 Defendants.

**Civil Case No.**  
**2:14-cv-02100-PHX-SRB**

**MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY  
INJUNCTION AND  
MEMORANDUM AND  
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**Motion for Preliminary Injunction**

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Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 65, Plaintiffs respectfully file this Motion for a Preliminary Injunction enjoining enforcement of Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-1425, as amended by H.B. 2515, 51st Leg., 2d Reg. Sess. (Ariz. 2014) (“H.B. 2515” or the “Act”), pending the final determination of this action. Grounds for this Motion, as set forth in the Memorandum below, are that Plaintiffs are likely to succeed on their claim that the Act violates the First Amendment, the Due Process Clause, and the Commerce Clause; Plaintiffs, their members, officers, employees, customers, patrons, and readers will be irreparably harmed by the Act; and the public interest favors the issuance of an injunction. This Motion is based on the pleadings, the Memorandum, the accompanying Declarations by Plaintiffs, oral argument should the Court grant Plaintiffs’ request therefor, and such other evidence that the Court should hear in this case.

**Memorandum of Law**

**Introduction**

Arizona has enacted an overbroad, content-based law that criminalizes the display, publication, and sale of non-obscene images fully protected by the First Amendment. The law, with limited, vague exceptions, makes it a felony punishable by nearly four years in prison to disclose images of nudity or sexual activity when a person “knows or should have known” that the person depicted did not consent to “the disclosure.” Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-1425(A).

This is a criminal statute of “alarming breadth.” *United States v. Stevens*, 559 U.S. 460, 474 (2010). A defendant can be convicted even if there was neither ill intent nor harm done. For an image to be restricted, a person pictured need not have any expectation of privacy—nor even be identifiable. The Act applies fully to artistic, historical, and newsworthy images, both in print and online. As a result, it criminalizes speech that lies at the very core of the First Amendment’s protections. The law makes no distinction between a hacker who releases private nudes and a publisher who prints images of torture

1 at Abu Ghraib prison. The Act sweeps in not just malicious invaders of privacy, but also  
2 countless Internet users who innocently repost online images.

3 The law’s impact on Plaintiffs—booksellers, book and newspaper publishers,  
4 librarians, photographers, and videographers—is concrete and severe. Swept within the  
5 law are books of great artistic, cultural, political, and historical value such as *The Bodies*  
6 *of Mothers: A Beautiful Body Project* and *Abu Ghraib: The Politics of Torture*.<sup>1</sup> H.B.  
7 2515 criminalizes the display of Nick Ut’s iconic Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph of a  
8 naked Vietnamese girl fleeing a village bombed by napalm, and photographs of unclothed  
9 prisoners at the historic Attica prison riot. The Act threatens a felony conviction for those  
10 who reprint the works of the greatest American photographers, including Imogen  
11 Cunningham, Robert Mapplethorpe, and Edward Weston. And it criminalizes those who  
12 share newsworthy images of art exhibits, breastfeeding, public figures caught in  
13 compromising situations, and more.

14 The central element of the offense—that the person “knows or should have known”  
15 that the individual depicted did not consent to “the disclosure”—is at the core of the  
16 problem. Publishers, booksellers, and librarians know that the Abu Ghraib prisoners,  
17 Attica inmates, and child victim of war did not consent to being photographed or to the  
18 publication of their images. A photographer who takes an image of an unclothed person in  
19 a war or conflict zone cannot possibly be expected to obtain the person’s consent.  
20 Subjects of Edward Weston’s photographs, some of whom passed away long ago, are not  
21 available to consent to new publications. In most if not all instances, it is impossible for  
22 booksellers to ascertain whether persons depicted in books have consented to the taking or  
23 the publication of the image. And if “the disclosure” means what it implies—*e.g.*, the  
24 specific offer of a book at a particular bookstore or library—then the Act’s reach is even  
25 more startling.

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26 <sup>1</sup> Jade Beall, *The Bodies of Mothers: A Beautiful Body Project* (2014); Mark Danner et al, *Abu*  
27 *Ghraib: The Politics of Torture* (2004).

1 Although promoted as a law to combat “revenge porn”—the malicious posting by  
2 an ex-partner of a private image, taken during a personal relationship and posted after the  
3 break-up to harass the former partner—H.B. 2515 is not limited to malicious invasions of  
4 privacy. Neither “revenge” nor “porn” is an element of the offense. The distinction is of  
5 constitutional moment: Displaying a non-obscene image of nudity or sexual conduct  
6 without the consent of a person pictured is simply not equivalent to a malicious invasion  
7 of privacy. Such a generalization does violence to First Amendment principles. H.B. 2515  
8 is overbroad and content-based, criminalizes and chills valuable speech within the core of  
9 the First Amendment’s protections, and must be enjoined.

10 **Statement of Facts**

11 **1. The Plaintiffs**

12 Plaintiffs are booksellers, publishers, librarians, and photographers (or associations  
13 acting on their behalf) who create, publish, display, and offer media fully protected by the  
14 First Amendment. A substantial amount of this media contains non-obscene images of  
15 “nudity” and “specific sexual activities” as defined in the Act. Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-  
16 1425(D). Accompanying this Memorandum are Declarations of officers or employees of  
17 each of the Plaintiffs, to which we respectfully refer the Court. *See* List of Plaintiff  
18 Declarations, attached as Appendix A to this Memorandum. Those Declarations set forth  
19 in detail who the Plaintiffs are, their First Amendment-protected activity which the Act  
20 criminalizes, and the threat of irreparable injury that the Act causes, which forces the  
21 Plaintiffs to choose between risking felony prosecution and engaging in self-censorship.

22 **Booksellers.** Plaintiffs Antigone Books, Bookmans, Changing Hands, Copper  
23 News Bookstore, and Mostly Books, are booksellers that maintain physical stores located  
24 within Arizona and sell books on the Internet to a national clientele, including in Arizona.  
25 Antigone Books Decl. ¶¶ 4, 6; Bookmans Decl. ¶¶ 4, 8; Changing Hands Decl. ¶¶ 4, 6;  
26 Copper News Decl. ¶¶ 4, 7; Mostly Books Decl. ¶¶ 4, 6. Plaintiff American Booksellers  
27 Foundation for Free Expression (“ABFFE”) is an association of booksellers across the  
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1 nation. ABFFE Decl. ¶ 5. Plaintiff booksellers and members of Plaintiff ABFFE carry  
2 media restricted by the broad language of the Act in their stores and advertise media  
3 restricted by the Act on their websites. *Id.* ¶ 10; Antigone Books Decl. ¶ 8; Bookmans  
4 Decl. ¶¶ 8, 23; Changing Hands Decl. ¶ 8; Copper News Decl. ¶ 15; Mostly Books Decl. ¶  
5 8. For example, Plaintiffs offer books that include nonconsensual nudity (such as  
6 *Moments: the Pulitzer-Prize Winning Photographs*; *Remembering to Forget: Holocaust*  
7 *Memory Through the Camera's Eye*; and *Abu Ghraib: the Politics of Torture*).<sup>2</sup> Antigone  
8 Books Decl. ¶ 18; Bookmans Decl. ¶¶ 19, 20; Changing Hands Decl. ¶ 15; Mostly Books  
9 Decl. ¶ 23. Plaintiffs also offer numerous photography books where the consent of nude  
10 subjects is unknown or unobtainable, such as *Edward Weston's Book of Nudes* and *Joyce*  
11 *Tenneson: A Life in Photography*.<sup>3</sup> ABFFE Decl. ¶ 16; Changing Hands Decl. ¶¶ 13-14;  
12 Mostly Books Decl. ¶¶ 18-20.

13 **Book Publishers.** The members of Association of American Publishers (“AAP”)  
14 include most of the major book publishers in the United States, as well as smaller and  
15 non-profit publishers, university presses, and scholarly associations. AAP Decl. ¶ 3. Their  
16 books include a broad range of mainstream, non-obscene publications which contain  
17 images restricted by the Act, including (a) biology texts, which contain images of the  
18 naked body (or portions thereof); (b) health and sex education books including, for  
19 example, images of breastfeeding; (c) histories and public affairs books, including images  
20 taken at crime scenes, at disaster scenes, and in conflict and war zones; (d) photography  
21 books with artistic nude images; and (e) books about celebrities which include images of  
22 women in swimwear or low-cut gowns that reveal a portion of the breast below the areola  
23 (even though the areola is fully covered). *Id.* ¶ 11. For many of these images, publishers  
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25 <sup>2</sup> Hal Buell, *Moments: The Pulitzer Prize-Winning Photographs* (2007); Barbie Zelizer,  
26 *Remembering to Forget: Holocaust Memory Through the Camera's Eye* (2000).

27 <sup>3</sup> Nancy Newhall & Edward Weston, *Edward Weston's Book of Nudes* (2007).  
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1 either know they lack subjects' consent, or cannot ascertain whether there was consent;  
2 each image is constitutionally protected. *Id.* ¶¶ 14-15, 20.

3 **Newspaper Publishers.** Plaintiff Voice Media Group, Inc. ("VMG") publishes  
4 *Phoenix New Times* and ten other alternative newsweeklies, and maintains their websites.  
5 VMG Decl. ¶¶ 4, 6, 10. *Phoenix New Times'* print edition and website regularly include  
6 images of persons nude or engaged in sexual activities, as defined in the Act. *Id.* ¶ 8.  
7 These include images that show parts of the lower female breast or clothed genitalia, such  
8 as artistic photographs in local exhibitions, photographs of people at guest-restricted  
9 events, and compromising images of public figures. *Id.* ¶¶ 16, 20. VMG does not obtain  
10 the individual consent of the persons pictured; the images are newsworthy and protected  
11 by the First Amendment. *Id.* ¶¶ 11, 18.

12 **Librarians.** Plaintiff Freedom to Read Foundation ("FTRF") is a nationwide  
13 association of libraries and librarians. FTRF Decl. ¶ 3. Libraries in Arizona include in  
14 their collections books and other media containing images of nudity or sexual activities  
15 restricted by the Act, including the full range of books published by AAP members. *Id.* ¶  
16 7. Libraries in Arizona also provide Internet access to their patrons and, even if such  
17 access is filtered, thereby offer and display non-obscene images of nudity and sexual  
18 activities. *Id.* ¶¶ 6, 11. The Arizona library patrons who access such images and thus  
19 display them—and share them with friends—are also subject to felony prosecution under  
20 the Act. Libraries outside of Arizona offer books containing restricted images when they  
21 loan books to Arizona libraries through Interlibrary Loan programs. *Id.* ¶ 13.

22 **Photographers and Videographers.** The members of Plaintiff National Press  
23 Photographers' Association ("NPPA") take photographs at crime scenes, at disaster  
24 scenes, in prisons, and in war zones where persons may be in a state of nudity  
25 involuntarily. NPPA Decl. ¶ 10. Nick Ut, an NPPA member photographer, took the iconic  
26 image of a Vietnamese girl fleeing napalm. *Id.* ¶ 14; Exhibit A. NPPA member Mickey  
27 Osterreicher was present at the inmate uprising at Attica prison in western New York;  
28 among the searing images from that uprising were photographs of inmates standing in the

1 prison yard, stripped naked. *Id.* ¶ 12; Exhibit B. The Act makes sharing such vital  
2 historical images a felony. *Id.* ¶ 13.

3 **2. The Act**

4 H.B. 2515 created a new crime, entitled the “unlawful distribution of  
5 images”:

6 It is unlawful to intentionally disclose, display, distribute, publish, advertise  
7 or offer a photograph, videotape, film or digital recording of another person  
8 in a state of nudity or engaged in specific sexual activities if the person  
9 knows or should have known that the depicted person has not consented to  
10 the disclosure.

11 Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-1425(A). The Act has specified exceptions for disclosures  
12 made pursuant to law enforcement practices, in legal proceedings, or “[i]mages involving  
13 voluntary exposure in a public or commercial setting.” *Id.* § 13-1425(B). It also exempts  
14 certain online providers from liability for the postings of users. *Id.* The Act incorporates  
15 the following definitions from Arizona’s county zoning code:

16 “[S]tate of nudity” means any of the following:

17 (a) The appearance of a human anus, genitals or a female breast below a  
18 point immediately above the top of the areola.

19 (b) A state of dress that fails to opaquely cover a human anus, genitals or a  
20 female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola. . . .

21 “Specific sexual activities” means any of the following:

22 (a) Human genitals in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal.

23 (b) Sex acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated, including acts of  
24 human masturbation, sexual intercourse, oral copulation or sodomy.

25 (c) Fondling or other erotic touching of the human genitals, pubic region,  
26 buttocks, anus or female breast.

27 (d) Excretory functions as part of or in connection with any of the activities  
28 under subdivision (a), (b) or (c) of this paragraph.

Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 11-811(D)(14), (18); 13-1425(D). If the person depicted  
is not identifiable, a violation of H.B. 2515 is a class 5 felony, with a sentence for  
a first conviction of six to thirty months imprisonment. Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§  
13-1425(C); 13-702(D). If the person depicted is “recognizable,” the conduct  
qualifies as a class 4 felony, which carries a prison sentence of one year to three  
years and nine months. Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-1425(C).

### 3. The Impact of the Act

The Act criminalizes a wide range of non-obscene images, including images of great artistic, historic, and political value.

**Artistic Images Restricted By the Act.** Plaintiffs collectively publish and offer books and newspapers that contain images of persons in a state of nudity. Plaintiffs generally do not know whether the persons depicted have consented to the publication. AAP Decl. ¶ 15; ABFFE Decl. ¶ 8; VMG Decl. ¶ 18. Plaintiffs *know* that the persons depicted have not consented to “the disclosure” by an individual Plaintiff—*e.g.*, the specific offering of a book by a specific bookstore. AAP Decl. ¶ 14; Antigone Books Decl. ¶ 14; FTRF ¶ 10; VMG Decl. ¶ 13. Plaintiffs generally do not know whether the images were taken in a “public or commercial setting.” AAP Decl. ¶ 19; Bookmans Decl. ¶ 14. Among the many books published or offered for sale by Plaintiffs that contain restricted images are books with photography by Edward Weston (whose archives are housed at Arizona’s Center for Creative Photography),<sup>4</sup> Imogen Cunningham,<sup>5</sup> and Robert Mapplethorpe.<sup>6</sup> ABFFE Decl. ¶ 16; Antigone Books Decl. ¶ 15; Changing Hands Decl. ¶ 13; Mostly Books Decl. ¶ 18. The Act also applies to images in publications such as *The Bodies of Mothers: A Beautiful Body Project* by Tucson photographer Jade Beall who specializes in therapeutic photography for women. Antigone Decl. ¶ 14.

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<sup>4</sup> See, *e.g.*, Manfred Heiting & Terence Pitts, *Edward Weston* (2013); *Edward Weston: 125 Photographs* (Steve Crist ed., 2011); Laura Gonzales Flores, *Edward Weston & Harry Callahan: He, She, It* (2013); *Edward Weston* (Filippo Maggia ed., 2013); Edward Weston, *Edward Weston: Nudes* (1993); and Susan Morgan & Cole Weston, *Edward Weston: Portraits* (2005). Changing Hands Decl. ¶ 13; Mostly Books Decl. ¶ 18.

<sup>5</sup> See, *e.g.*, Mary Street Alinder, *Group f.64: Edward Weston, Ansel Adams, Imogen Cunningham, and the Community of Artists Who Revolutionized American Photography* (Bloomsbury USA 2014); Jamie Allen et al., *Imogen Cunningham* (2013); Richard Lorenz, *Imogen Cunningham: Ideas without End* (1993). Mostly Books Decl. ¶ 18.

<sup>6</sup> See, *e.g.*, Robert Mapplethorpe, *Lady: Lisa Lyon* (1996); Robert Mapplethorpe, *Perfection in Form* (2009); Sylvia Wolf, *Robert Mapplethorpe: Polaroids* (2013); Robert Mapplethorpe, *Mapplethorpe* (2007); and Robert Mapplethorpe, *Robert Mapplethorpe: The Black Book* (2010). Antigone Decl. ¶ 15.

1 Booksellers both “offer” books with these nude artistic images to persons in  
2 Arizona, and “display” such images to persons who use their websites. For example, the  
3 website of Tattered Cover, a bookseller member of Plaintiff ABFFE, displays an image of  
4 the cover of *Edward Weston: Portraits*, which includes a nude woman. ABFFE Decl. ¶  
5 16. Plaintiff bookstores in Arizona also offer this book for sale. Changing Hands Decl. ¶  
6 13; Mostly Books Decl. ¶ 18. *Phoenix New Times* reports on art exhibitions, including  
7 Professor Betsy Schneider’s exhibit containing nude photographs of her own children, and  
8 offers these images in print and displays them online. VMG Decl. ¶ 26.

9 **Newsorthy, Political, and Historic Images Restricted By the Act.** In addition  
10 to artistic nudity, Plaintiffs offer media containing images of great historic and political  
11 value. Plaintiffs *know* that those depicted in these images did not consent either to the  
12 taking or display of the image. AAP Decl. ¶ 14; Changing Hands Decl. ¶ 12; FTRF Decl.  
13 ¶ 10; NPPA Decl. ¶ 11; Bookmans Decl. ¶ 18; VMG Decl. ¶ 13. Among these images is  
14 the 1972 Pulitzer Prize-winning “Napalm Girl” photograph. Bookmans Decl. ¶ 19;  
15 Changing Hands Decl. ¶ 15; Mostly Books Decl. ¶ 23. That nine-year-old girl, who  
16 appears frontally naked, did not consent to taking of the photograph; nor was she  
17 voluntarily undressed. Bookmans Decl. ¶ 19. Plaintiffs also offer books containing  
18 photographs of nude Abu Ghraib prisoners. Antigone Books Decl. ¶ 18; Bookmans Decl.  
19 ¶ 20; Changing Hands Decl. ¶ 15.<sup>7</sup> An online preview of *Abu Ghraib: The Politics of*  
20 *Torture*, available on the website application used by Antigone Books, shows a fully nude  
21 prisoner cowering before a barking dog. Antigone Decl. ¶ 18; Exhibit C.

22 The Act also threatens to silence newsworthy speech about current events and  
23 public figures. *Phoenix New Times* regularly publishes photographs of local events that  
24 revolve around sexuality, such as the annual “Fetish Ball,” a restricted event where  
25 attendees (who are not nude) engage in sexual role-play; and images from the popular

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26 <sup>7</sup> See, e.g., Steven Strasser & Craig R. Whitney, *The Abu Ghraib Investigations: The*  
27 *Official Independent Panel and Pentagon Reports on the Shocking Prisoner Abuse in Iraq*  
28 (2004). Antigone Decl. ¶ 18.

1 Adult Video News awards, where scantily-clad attendees display parts of their breasts  
2 below the top of the areola. VMG Decl. ¶¶ 16, 16 n.2, 17. *Phoenix New Times* does not  
3 secure consent before taking or posting such images. *Id.* ¶ 21. Plaintiff VMG’s  
4 newspapers have also printed images of Congressman Anthony Weiner’s erect but clothed  
5 genitalia. *Id.* ¶ 20.

6 **“Knows or Should Have Known.”** Plaintiffs do not know what the Act means  
7 when it states they may not publish a nude photograph if they “know[] or should have  
8 known” that the person depicted did not consent. Mostly Books ¶ 12; Copper News Decl.  
9 ¶¶ 17-18; VMG Decl. ¶ 13. For all of the above publications, Plaintiffs know that the  
10 works are non-obscene and constitutionally valuable. But they do not know the stories  
11 behind most of the images: whether they were taken with consent, originally shared with  
12 consent, or subsequently published with consent. AAP Decl. ¶ 15; ABFFE Decl. ¶ 8;  
13 Antigone Books ¶ 12; VMG Decl. ¶ 18; Bookmans Decl. ¶ 13. The law appears to impose  
14 a duty on Plaintiffs to investigate or understand the circumstances behind each picture  
15 they publish, which is an unfeasible task. Antigone Books Decl. ¶ 13; Bookmans Decl. ¶  
16 17. In many instances, Plaintiffs have no practicable way to ascertain whether there was  
17 consent, or to obtain consent. FTRF Decl. ¶ 10. It is impossible to do so when the depicted  
18 person cannot be identified, or is deceased or unreachable. Antigone Books Decl. ¶ 12.  
19 Plaintiff publishers sometimes rely on the assumption that the photographer obtained  
20 consent (and booksellers rely on the assumption that the publisher or photographer did so)  
21 or that no consent was necessary. AAP ¶ 16; VMG Decl. ¶ 13. The Act criminalizes any  
22 good faith error in such an assumption.

23 **The “Disclosure.”** Plaintiffs also do not understand the meaning of “disclosure.”  
24 Bookmans Decl. ¶ 15; VMG Decl. ¶ 13. The undefined term could mean the publication  
25 of a nude image or its display or sale. Antigone Books Decl. ¶ 12; FTRF Decl. ¶ 10. It is  
26 unclear whether consent to any disclosure is sufficient, or whether the consent must apply  
27 to each specific disclosure—the publication of a restricted image in a particular book or  
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1 newspaper, or the offer of a particular book for sale in a particular bookstore. Antigone  
2 Books Decl. ¶ 12; VMG Decl. ¶ 13.

3 **“Voluntary Exposure in a Public or Commercial Setting.”** The Act exempts  
4 images that involve voluntary exposure in a “public” or “commercial” setting, but these  
5 terms are vague. AAP Decl. ¶ 18; Copper News Decl. ¶¶ 17-18; NPPA Decl. ¶ 19. It is  
6 unclear whether, for example, a beach open only to hotel guests or a dance performance  
7 restricted to ticket holders is a “public setting.” NPPA Decl. ¶ 19; AAP Decl. ¶ 19. For  
8 many images, publishers have no way of ascertaining whether the image was taken in a  
9 public setting, even if they understand the parameters of the term. AAP Decl. ¶ 20;  
10 Bookmans Decl. ¶ 14. For instance, a newspaper editor might not know whether a  
11 photograph of a celebrity in a gown that exposed the sides of her breasts was taken at a  
12 televised awards ceremony or at a private after-party. AAP Decl. ¶ 20. The Act also does  
13 not define “commercial,” which Plaintiffs have guessed could mean that the person  
14 depicted was compensated, or that the photographer was considering selling the image.  
15 AAP Decl. ¶ 19. Plaintiff Copper News Book Store sells the book *The New Sensual*  
16 *Massage*.<sup>8</sup> Copper News Decl. ¶ 13. Copper News does not know whether or not the  
17 persons depicted were photographed in a commercial setting. *Id.* ¶ 19.

18 In sum, all Plaintiffs *can* be sure of is that they regularly lack consent, and that they  
19 have a First Amendment right to display, offer, and sell these images.

20 **Fear of Prosecution Under the Act.** Plaintiffs share a reasonable fear of being  
21 prosecuted under this Act for their First Amendment protected activities. *Id.* ¶ 9; AAP  
22 Decl. ¶ 5; ABFFE Decl. ¶ 11; Antigone Books Decl. ¶ 9; Bookmans Decl. ¶ 11; Changing  
23 Hands Decl. ¶ 9; FTRF Decl. ¶ 8; Mostly Books Decl. ¶ 10; NPPA Decl. ¶ 8; VMG Decl.  
24 ¶ 12.

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27 <sup>8</sup> Gordon Inkeles, *The New Sensual Massage* (1992).

1 Plaintiffs also understand that Arizona has a history of enforcing the law against  
2 protected speech. In 2007, law enforcement officers falsely arrested the two co-founders  
3 of the *Phoenix New Times* for printing information about illegal subpoenas seeking  
4 information on stories critical of Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio. VMG Decl. ¶ 25.  
5 In 2008, VMG published images taken by artist and Arizona State University Professor  
6 Betsy Schneider of her young children, and included images from her show on its website.  
7 *Id.* ¶ 26. Maricopa County began a criminal investigation into the *Phoenix New Times*'  
8 publications of these images, accompanied by a public press conference in which  
9 prosecutors indicated that any reader who picked up a copy of the weekly could be  
10 prosecuted. *Id.*

## 11 Legal Argument

### 12 A. Standards Governing the Issuance of a Preliminary Injunction

13 A preliminary injunction should be granted where a plaintiff “demonstrates...a  
14 combination of probable success on the merits and the possibility of irreparable injury *or*  
15 that serious questions are raised and the balance of hardships tips sharply in his favor.”  
16 *Johnson v. Cal. State Bd. of Accountancy*, 72 F.3d 1427, 1430 (9th Cir. 1995) (emphasis  
17 in original; citation omitted). “Thus, the greater the relative hardship to [plaintiffs,] the  
18 less probability of success must be shown.” *Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc. v. City of L.A.*,  
19 340 F.3d 810, 813 (9th Cir. 2003) (citation omitted). Here, Plaintiffs face a chilling choice  
20 between risking felony criminal prosecution and self-censoring their display, use, and sale  
21 of artistic, historical, and newsworthy images. “The loss of First Amendment freedoms,  
22 for even minimal periods of time, unquestionably constitutes irreparable injury.” *Elrod v.*  
23 *Burns*, 427 U.S. 347, 373 (1976). Plaintiffs are entitled to a preliminary injunction  
24 because they demonstrate probable success on the merits and irreparable injury, and  
25 because both the balance of harms and the public interest weigh strongly in favor of  
26 enjoining the Act.

1                   **B. Plaintiffs Are Likely to Prevail on Their First Amendment**  
2                   **Claims**

3                   **1. The Act is a Content-Based Regulation of Speech that**  
4                   **is Not Tailored to the State’s Interest in Protecting Privacy**

5                   The Act is unconstitutional as a content-based regulation of protected non-obscene  
6                   speech that is not narrowly tailored to its stated purpose—redressing malicious, harmful  
7                   invasions of privacy. *See Ashcroft v. ACLU*, 542 U.S. 656, 660 (2004); *United States v.*  
8                   *Playboy Entm’t. Grp., Inc.*, 529 U.S. 803, 813-16 (2000).

9                   It cannot be disputed that the speech at issue—non-obscene images of nudity and  
10                  sexual activity—is fully protected by the First Amendment. *Playboy*, 529 U.S. at 811;  
11                  *Erznoznik v. City of Jacksonville*, 422 U.S. 205, 213 (1975); *Jenkins v. Georgia*, 418 U.S.  
12                  153, 161 (1974) (“[N]udity alone is not enough to make material legally obscene”). Nor  
13                  can it be disputed that the Act seeks to regulate this non-obscene speech solely based on  
14                  its content—images of nudity or specified sexual activity, under the expansive definitions  
15                  in the Act. *Stevens*, 559 U.S. at 468 (statute restricting images and audio “depending on  
16                  whether they depict [specified] conduct” is content-based); *Playboy*, 529 U.S. at 811  
17                  (“The speech in question is defined by its content; and the statute which seeks to restrict it  
18                  is content based.”).

19                  “Content-based prohibitions, enforced by severe criminal penalties, have the  
20                  constant potential to be a repressive force in the lives and thoughts of a free people.”  
21                  *Ashcroft*, 542 U.S. at 660. Such prohibitions and regulations “cannot be tolerated under  
22                  the First Amendment.” *Regan v. Time, Inc.*, 468 U. S. 641, 648-49 (1984) (citations  
23                  omitted).

24                  As a content-based prohibition of protected, non-obscene speech, the Act is  
25                  “‘presumptively invalid,’ and the Government bears the burden to rebut that  
26                  presumption.” *Stevens*, 559 U.S. at 468 (quoting *Playboy*, 529 U.S. at 817). The Act “can  
27                  stand only if it satisfies strict scrutiny.” *Playboy*, 529 U.S. at 813 (citing *Sable*  
28                  *Commc’ns., Inc. v. Fed. Commc’ns.*, 492 U.S. 115, 126 (1989)). Under strict scrutiny, the  
                    prohibition or regulation “must be narrowly tailored to promote a compelling Government



1 interest” which cannot be served through a “less restrictive alternative.” *Playboy*, 529 U.S.  
2 at 813. “To do otherwise would be to restrict speech without an adequate justification, a  
3 course the First Amendment does not permit.” *Id.*

4 Here, the State cannot rebut the presumption of unconstitutionality because the Act  
5 makes no attempt to safeguard constitutionally-protected speech and is not tailored to  
6 redressing malicious, harmful invasions of privacy. The Act reaches far more than the bad  
7 actor. It makes no distinction between images that are published with malice or wrongful  
8 intent and those that are not. Nor does it make any distinction between images in which  
9 the persons pictured have an expectation of privacy and those in which they do not. The  
10 Act makes no distinction between a disclosure that causes harm and one that does not; it  
11 does not require that the person depicted even be identifiable. It defines nudity and sexual  
12 activities so expansively that it includes, *e.g.*, fully-clothed horseplay and the side of the  
13 female breast. The Act has no exception for images related to matters of public concern,  
14 including the kind of historical, artistic, and newsworthy content Plaintiffs offer, display,  
15 and sell. *Erznoznik*, 422 U.S. at 213 (ordinance was unconstitutional because it  
16 “sweepingly forbids display of all films containing any uncovered buttocks or breasts,  
17 irrespective of context or pervasiveness. Thus it would bar a film containing a picture of a  
18 baby’s buttocks, the nude body of a war victim, or scenes from a culture in which nudity  
19 is indigenous. The ordinance also might prohibit newsreel scenes of the opening of an art  
20 exhibit as well as shots of bathers on a beach.”).

21 Without specific intent, harm, and privacy language to narrow the Act’s reach,  
22 providers of constitutionally-protected speech are at risk.

23 Plaintiffs, who provide the public with information, art, and news, should not have  
24 to worry about encountering felony charges for doing their jobs. Yet, under the Act, they  
25 all must. None of them secures individualized consent from each depicted person, as the  
26 Act requires. Nor do they investigate the circumstances behind each photograph they  
27 print; to do so would be a crippling use of resources. In fact, given the incredible breadth  
28 of the Act’s expansive definitions of nudity and sexual activities, it is difficult for

1 Plaintiffs to know the full extent of the Act’s impact on their inventories. The Act’s only  
2 exception applicable to Plaintiffs is the provision for images taken voluntarily “in a public  
3 or commercial setting.” Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-1425(B). These terms are undefined,  
4 difficult to understand, and impossible to apply.

5 Furthermore, the sharing and display of non-obscene adult photographs on the  
6 Internet is a popular activity, to put it mildly. The Act equally criminalizes a malicious,  
7 initial invader of privacy (such as a hacker and leaker of private photos) *and* subsequent  
8 Internet users (including patrons of Arizona libraries) who share restricted images. Both  
9 can be felons under the Act. Yet, the second actor has simply shared a non-obscene image  
10 she lawfully obtained online. This downstream sharer may intend no harm and has no  
11 knowledge that (or if) the person depicted has objected to subsequent display of the  
12 image. It is beyond dispute that such sharing occurs with incredible frequency online, and  
13 the Act therefore subjects innumerable Arizona residents who share or view images to  
14 felony penalties.

15 In addition, the Act’s reach is vastly expanded by its criminalization of the  
16 disclosure of restricted images where the individual “should have known” she lacked the  
17 consent of a depicted person. *Id.* § 13-1425(A). This is a negligence standard. The First  
18 Amendment prohibits the use of negligence-based standards in regulating speech. *Time,*  
19 *Inc. v. Hill*, 385 U.S. 374, 389 (1967) (“A negligence test would place on the press the  
20 intolerable burden of guessing how a jury might assess the reasonableness of steps taken  
21 by it... .”); *Rogers v. United States*, 422 U.S. 35, 47 (1975) (Marshall, J., concurring)  
22 (“[W]e should be particularly wary of adopting such a standard for a statute that regulates  
23 pure speech.”).

24 Thus, the Act cannot meet strict scrutiny, or even rational basis review:

- 25 • The Act imposes criminal liability absent harm or an intent to harm.
- 26 • The Act imposes criminal liability even if the person depicted in restricted  
27 images had no expectation of privacy and was not recognizable.

- 1           • The Act contains no exceptions for valuable or newsworthy speech.
- 2           • The Act imposes criminal liability upon negligent speech.

3 As their Declarations attest, and as detailed above, the result is that the Act chills and  
4 criminalizes the display of constitutionally protected images offered by Plaintiffs and  
5 others. That the Act reaches these works is dispositive of its unconstitutionality.

6           The Legislature failed to tailor the law to malicious and harmful invasions of  
7 privacy. H.B. 2515 was promoted as a “revenge porn” bill by its sponsors and supporters.  
8 But the phrase is extremely misleading as applied to the Act, given that it requires no mal  
9 intent whatsoever (let alone revenge), it reaches far more than private sexual activity, and  
10 it criminalizes non-obscene images that cannot be considered pornographic. Revenge porn  
11 is a modern scourge typified by those who, motivated by revenge, knowingly post  
12 intimate digital images of former partners (usually women) with the intent and effect of  
13 harassing them, ruining reputations and employment prospects. The harms of revenge  
14 porn are undoubtedly real, and raise difficult and important questions about digital privacy  
15 and women’s rights to bodily autonomy and full enjoyment of the Internet.

16           But H.B. 2515 is *not* a revenge porn law. It simply, and unconstitutionally, places a  
17 prior consent requirement on the sharing of any nude or sexual image. And in doing so, it  
18 sweeps within its reach materials of inarguably artistic, historical, and newsworthy value.  
19 When legislatures criminalize speech, loaded phrases such as “revenge porn” and “animal  
20 cruelty” cannot justify a law whose text does not reflect the intentional and harmful  
21 conduct claimed as motivation for the restriction. *Stevens*, 559 U.S. at 474 (“We read § 48  
22 to create a criminal prohibition of alarming breadth. To begin with, the text of the statute’s  
23 ban on a ‘depiction of animal cruelty’ nowhere requires that the depicted conduct be  
24 cruel.”). In short, criminalizing speech is an area of legislation that demands precision.  
25 The Legislature used no such precision in drafting H.B. 2515.

26           Nor can the Act be defended based on a supposition that Defendants would not  
27 bring prosecutions for the newsworthy, artistic, and historic images described in  
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1 Plaintiffs’ declarations. “[T]he First Amendment protects against the Government; it does  
2 not leave us at the mercy of *noblesse oblige*. We would not uphold an unconstitutional  
3 statute merely because the Government promised to use it responsibly.” *Stevens*, 559 U.S.  
4 at 480.

## 5 **2. The Legislature Could Have Protected Privacy** 6 **Without Directly Burdening Protected Speech**

7 If the Legislature’s intent was to protect individuals from “revenge porn”—  
8 malicious invasions of their privacy—it utterly failed to do so in a manner calculated to  
9 minimize the harms to lawful speech protected by the First Amendment. Because less  
10 restrictive, alternative means are available to address revenge porn, the Act cannot survive  
11 strict scrutiny. *Playboy*, 529 U.S. at 813 (“If a less restrictive alternative would serve the  
12 Government’s purpose, the legislature must use that alternative”); *Ashcroft*, 542 U.S. at  
13 665 (affirming preliminary injunction against Child Online Protection Act because,  
14 among other reasons, the government had not carried burden of showing that the proposed  
15 alternatives would be less effective). The Act also fails strict scrutiny because the State  
16 cannot show—as it must—that the Act “will in fact alleviate these harms in a direct and  
17 material way.” *Turner Broad. Sys., Inc. v. Fed. Commc’ns Comm’n.*, 512 U.S. 622, 664  
(1994).

18 Here, the Legislature relied on testimony about women victimized online by  
19 malicious ex-partners, who experienced extreme trauma and could not get their intimate  
20 images taken down off the web. Yet, none of these hallmarks are reflected in the law. The  
21 Legislature made no attempt to tailor the criminal statute to revenge porn by including, as  
22 elements of the offense: (1) malice and (2) intent to harm that (3) causes actual harm, due  
23 to disclosure of an image (4) taken in an intimate relationship, (5) in violation of an  
24 expectation of privacy. Including these as elements of the offense would not only line the  
25 crime up closer to its stated legislative purpose, but in so doing would dramatically reduce  
26 the risk that the Act would chill Plaintiffs’ protected speech. Furthermore, the legislative  
27 history shows that the Legislature did not even explore the possibility of a civil statute  
28 directly addressing the issue—malicious exposure of photographs taken in an intimate

1 relationship with an expectation of privacy—with remedies addressed to the harm, such as  
2 a takedown order for images maliciously posted by a former intimate.

3 The terms of the Act underscore the absence of tailoring. For example, not only  
4 does the Act require no harm, but much worse, the Act explicitly includes images of  
5 unrecognizable persons, where actual harm to privacy rights is well-nigh impossible.

### 6 3. Vagueness Exacerbates the Act's First Amendment Harms

7 The Act's constitutional infirmities are exacerbated by its vagueness, which  
8 violates the Due Process Clause. "It is a basic principle of due process that an enactment  
9 is void for vagueness if its prohibitions are not clearly defined." *Grayned v. City of*  
10 *Rockford*, 408 U.S. 104, 108 (1972). The requirement of clarity is especially stringent  
11 when a law interferes with First Amendment rights. *Vill. of Hoffman Estates v. Flipside,*  
12 *Hoffman Estates, Inc.*, 455 U.S. 489, 499 (1982); *Keyishian v. Bd. of Regents*, 385 U.S.  
13 589, 604 (1967) (quoting *NAACP v. Button*, 371 U.S. 415, 432-33 (1963)) ("Because  
14 First Amendment freedoms need breathing space to survive, government may regulate in  
15 the area only with narrow specificity.").

16 Many terms in H.B. 2515 are inscrutable. The Act uses a series of verbs to define  
17 conduct that may constitute the offence of "disclosure." Yet, this list of abstract verbs—  
18 "disclose, display, distribute, publish, advertise, or offer"—only expands the possible  
19 meanings of "disclosure," and often beyond all common understanding. *Ariz. Rev. Stat.*  
20 *Ann. § 13-1425(A)*. See *ACLU v. Goddard*, Civ.00-505 TUC ACM, 2004 WL 3770439, at  
21 \*2 (D. Ariz. Apr. 23, 2004) (finding law unconstitutionally vague where "it fails to  
22 distinguish between 'transmit' or 'send' and the exempted act of 'posting.'"). Plaintiffs  
23 reasonably fear that "linking" to a webpage amounts to unlawfully "advertis[ing]"  
24 restricted content found on that site, VMG Decl. ¶ 15, or that offering to sell Edward  
25 Weston photography books constitutes an "offer" of all of the images inside, thereby  
26 subjecting each image to the Act's consent requirements, or its penalties, Changing Hands  
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1 Decl. ¶ 13. Given that Plaintiffs are not entirely clear on whether conduct such as linking  
2 to an image or offering a book for sale is a “display” of its images—and the wrong end of  
3 that assessment brings felony consequences—they have to assume that it is. Copper News  
4 Decl. ¶¶ 16-21.

5 Further, for each “disclosure” (however defined), the law imposes a prior-consent  
6 requirement but fails to explain how “consent” may be achieved. Thus, booksellers have  
7 no way of knowing, for example, if they may presume that a subject consents to re-sale of  
8 his images contained in a book, or if the booksellers themselves must secure the subject's  
9 actual consent. Antigone Books Decl. ¶ 12. Nor is it clear if the booksellers must secure  
10 consent for the book, or instead, for “every specific display, advertisement, or sale”—for  
11 each medium in which the book is advertised, and for every customer to whom it is  
12 offered. Bookmans Decl. ¶ 15. Even if consent may be presumed in certain situations or  
13 contexts, the law gives no clue as to when, how, or by whom. Rather, “[t]he law appears  
14 to impose a duty . . . to investigate or understand the circumstances of consent behind  
15 each picture,” even though “[i]t is simply impossible for our employees to understand  
16 whether a depicted person has consented to our use . . . solely on looking at the image  
17 itself.” Antigone Books Decl. ¶¶ 12–13. These questions are complicated by the Act’s  
18 lack of time or age requirements; it is unclear whether a minor could ever “consent” to an  
19 image being shown; if not, images such as “Napalm Girl” would be flatly illegal.  
20 Similarly, it is unclear whether showing an image of a naked corpse is *ever* permissible;  
21 yet that interpretation permanently bars the display of Holocaust atrocities that include  
22 images of naked, tortured Jews. Nor is it clear whether one must (and if so how one could)  
23 secure the consent of a person who passed away after the image was taken but before the  
24 “disclosure.” ABFFE Decl. ¶ 8.

25 Just as the law criminalizes without defining “disclosure,” it fails to define  
26 precisely what it is that cannot be disclosed. For example, the forbidden “[s]tate of nudity”  
27 includes “[a] state of dress that fails to opaquely cover a human anus, genitals or a female  
28 breast breast.” Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-1425(A) & (D) (incorporating the definitions

1 contained in §11-811(D)). “Specific sexual activities” includes “[s]ex acts, normal or  
2 perverted, actual or simulated,” and “[f]ondling or other erotic touching” of body parts,  
3 clothed or unclothed. *Id.* Plaintiffs find these definitions vague and in conflict with  
4 commonsense understandings of “nudity” and “sex.” *See* VMG Decl. ¶ 17 (“[S]imulated  
5 sex acts” would appear to include “fully-clothed dirty dancing, groping, and other  
6 activities that most people would not consider private.”).

7 In addition to these terms, the exceptions to the Act are undefined and have no  
8 clear or obvious meaning. For example, the law’s inapplicability to “[i]mages involving  
9 voluntary exposure in a public or commercial setting,” Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-  
10 1425(B)(3), gives Plaintiffs “no idea” how to interpret these undefined terms to avoid  
11 criminal liability. Bookmans Decl. ¶ 14; VMG Decl. ¶ 17; Antigone Books Decl. ¶ 12.  
12 While an “expectation of privacy” is a legally-defined and interpreted term, “public or  
13 commercial setting” is not. Nor can Plaintiffs confidently assess the setting where a  
14 photograph is taken as commercial or public from merely viewing the image. AAP Decl. ¶  
15 19; Copper News Decl. ¶ 19. These vague exceptions provide little comfort for  
16 booksellers, other Plaintiffs, and third parties.

17 **C. Plaintiffs are Likely to Prevail on Their Commerce Clause**  
18 **Claims**

19 The Act violates the Commerce Clause in three ways. First, it regulates commercial  
20 activity occurring entirely in other states. Second, it regulates inherently interstate activity,  
21 creating the risk of inconsistent standards. Third, it imposes an undue burden on interstate  
22 commerce unjustified by unique local benefits. In *Goddard*, this Court struck down a  
23 statute materially similar to the Act for these reasons. *See* 2004 WL 3770439, at \*2.

24 The law at issue in *Goddard* imposed “severe restrictions on the dissemination of  
25 constitutionally-protected speech on the Internet by making it a crime to ‘intentionally or  
26 knowingly transmit or send’ by means of ‘electronic mail, personal messaging or any  
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1 other direct [I]nternet communication’ any ‘item’ that is ‘harmful to minors.’” *Id.* at \*2.  
2 This Court found that the law violated the Commerce Clause because without any textual  
3 limitation, it burdened Internet activity occurring entirely outside of Arizona. *Id.* The  
4 same is true here.

5 Our federal system necessarily forbids one state from directly regulating  
6 commercial activity occurring entirely outside its borders or regulating in-state conduct  
7 with the “practical effect of exporting that state’s domestic policies” to every other state.  
8 *Am. Libraries Ass’n. v. Pataki*, 969 F. Supp. 160, 174 (S.D.N.Y. 1997); *see also Healy v.*  
9 *Beer Inst.*, 491 U.S. 324, 336 (1989) (“The critical inquiry is whether the practical effect  
10 of the regulation is to control conduct beyond the boundaries of the State.”). The Act falls  
11 within this proscription. Booksellers both inside and outside of Arizona offer, to readers  
12 across the nation, millions of books for sale online, including books containing restricted  
13 images. ABFFE Decl. ¶¶ 8, 15. The covers of these books—some of which include  
14 images of nudity—are displayed online. *Id.* ¶ 15. To comply with the Act, these  
15 booksellers (both in Arizona and in other states) would have to remove any images of  
16 nudity or sexual activity from their websites (lest they display such images in Arizona),  
17 and would have to undertake measures to ensure that no one in Arizona could purchase  
18 the books. *Id.* ¶¶ 17-18. Unless booksellers were able to undertake the impossible and  
19 cost-prohibitive task of going page-by-page through every book that a customer requested  
20 be shipped to Arizona to ensure that the book did not contain images prohibited by the  
21 Act, the booksellers could be forced to remove all such books from their websites entirely.  
22 *Id.* ¶ 18. If the bookstores were forced to do so, the result would be that a reader in, *e.g.*,  
23 Illinois who sought to purchase a book from a bookseller in, *e.g.*, Colorado would be  
24 prevented from purchasing the book online because the bookseller had removed the book  
25 from its website to comply with the Arizona Act. *Id.* ¶ 17. The Act also has an impact on  
26 FTRF member libraries outside of Arizona. Many non-Arizona libraries participate in  
27 Interlibrary Loans to Arizona libraries. FTRF Decl. ¶ 13. To comply with the Act, the  
28 non-Arizona libraries would have to either (a) set up a restriction on the Interlibrary Loan



1 program to ensure that restricted works were not loaned to Arizona libraries or persons in  
2 Arizona, or (b) to maintain a uniform Interlibrary Loan program, remove such restricted  
3 works entirely, thus denying libraries (and their patrons) in other states the opportunity to  
4 borrow such works. *Id.* Through this latter effect, the Act not only impacts commerce  
5 between other states and Arizona, but also impacts interstate commerce that takes place  
6 entirely outside of Arizona. *Id.* This is impermissible. *See Goddard*, 2004 WL 3770439, at  
7 \*2.

8 The Act also runs afoul of the Commerce Clause because it violates the long-  
9 established rule barring states from enacting differing standards for instrumentalities of  
10 national commerce where uniformity is required. *Pataki*, 969 F. Supp. at 181-82  
11 (collecting authority). Just as trucks and trains carry tangible items interstate, the Internet  
12 transmits speech and commercial goods interstate:

13 The Internet, like rail and highway traffic at issue in the cited cases,  
14 requires a cohesive national scheme of regulation so that users are  
15 reasonably able to determine their obligations. Regulation on a local level,  
by contrast, will leave users lost in a welter of inconsistent laws...

16 *Id.* at 182. If the Act is permitted to stand, and if other states enact their own statutes with  
17 different provisions on what constitutes consent, and what images are restricted, Plaintiffs  
18 simply will not be able to function in interstate commerce. *See Stevens*, 559 U.S. at 476  
19 (“Those seeking to comply with the law [would thus] face a bewildering maze of  
20 regulations from at least 56 separate jurisdictions.”). Under those circumstances, for  
21 example, a bookseller could be required to maintain a separate online catalog for every  
22 state—ensuring that Arizonians could not purchase books banned in Arizona, that Texans  
23 could not purchase books banned in Texas, and so on. The First Amendment and the  
24 Commerce Clause prevent that result.

25 Finally, “[e]ven if the Act were not a *per se* violation of the Commerce Clause by  
26 virtue of its extraterritorial effects, the Act [is] nonetheless [] an invalid indirect regulation  
27 of interstate commerce, because the burdens it imposes on interstate commerce are  
28 excessive in relation to the local benefits it confers.” *Pataki*, 969 F. Supp. at 177; *see also*

1 *ACLU v. Johnson*, 194 F.3d 1149, 1162 (10th Cir. 1999) (same conclusion with respect to  
2 *New Mexico statute*); *Goddard*, 2004 WL 3770439 at \*2 (so holding in striking down  
3 Arizona statute as unconstitutional); *PSINet, Inc. v. Chapman*, 167 F. Supp. 2d 878, 890-  
4 91 (W.D. Va. 2001) (granting summary judgment and holding same Virginia statute  
5 unconstitutional); *PSINet, Inc. v. Chapman*, 108 F. Supp. 2d. 611, 626-27 (W.D. Va.  
6 2000) (same in granting preliminary injunction against enforcement of Virginia statute).

7 This is consistent with a long line of Supreme Court jurisprudence. *See, e.g., Edgar*  
8 *v. Mite Corp.*, 457 U.S. 624, 643-44 (1982); *Pike v. Bruce Church, Inc.*, 397 U.S. 137,  
9 142 (1970).

#### 10 **D. Plaintiffs Face Irreparable Injury and the Public Interest Favors** 11 **Injunction**

12 Where Plaintiffs have demonstrated a likelihood of success on First Amendment  
13 claims, the Ninth Circuit also finds grounds for irreparable injury. *See Klein v. City of San*  
14 *Clemente*, 584 F.3d 1196, 1207 (9th Cir. 2009) (“Given the free speech protections at  
15 issue in this case, however, it is clear that these requirements are satisfied.”); *see also*  
16 *Elrod*, 427 U.S. at 373 (finding irreparable injury to Plaintiffs where their “First  
17 Amendment interests were either threatened or in fact being impaired at the time relief  
18 was sought” and affirming injunction).

19 Plaintiffs have detailed how the Act places them “between Scylla and  
20 Charybdis”—a choice between risking felony prosecution and self-censorship. This is no  
21 hypothetical concern. As recounted in detail in the Voice Media Group Declaration,  
22 Maricopa County law enforcement has previously marshaled its resources against the  
23 publication of non-obscene, nude, and fully-protected speech. VMG Decl. ¶¶ 25-26.

24 The public interest in protecting First Amendment rights, and the balance of harms,  
25 also support a preliminary injunction. “Courts considering requests for preliminary  
26 injunctions have consistently recognized the significant public interest in upholding First  
27 Amendment principles.” *Associated Press v. Otter*, 682 F.3d 821, 826 (9th Cir. 2012)  
28 (quoting *Sammartano v. First Judicial Dist. Court*, 303 F.3d 959, 974 (9th Cir. 2002)).

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**Conclusion**

The Act violates the First Amendment, the Due Process Clause, and the Commerce Clause. In doing so, it causes severe and irreparable harm to the constitutional rights of Plaintiffs, their members, officers, employees, customers, patrons, and readers. Plaintiffs respectfully ask this Court to enjoin enforcement of the Act pending the final determination of this action.

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