

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Chairman Harold Rogers  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Nita M. Lowey  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Lowey:

In reviewing the recently passed omnibus appropriations bill for fiscal year 2016 (H.R. 2029), we noticed several divisions of the bill included the following language:

*“None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography.”*

This language was included in Division B, which funded Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies; Division F, which funded the Department of Homeland Security; Division H, which funded the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies; and Division J, which funded Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies.

However, the language was not in the divisions of the bill funding the rest of the government, including: Division A, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies; Division C, Department of Defense; Division D, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies; Division E, Financial Services and General Government; Division G, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies; Division I, Legislative Branch; Division K, Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies; and Division L, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies.

We applaud you for including this funding restriction for many parts of the government. However, we are deeply troubled that it was not included for all the federal government. In particular, it was not included for several agencies, including the EPA, the SEC, and the Department of Interior, which have been the subject of high profile media stories about their employees surfing porn at the office.

Unless necessary as part of a criminal investigation, prosecution or adjudication, federal employees should not be able to view, download or exchange pornography on the taxpayers' dime. We respectfully urge you to ensure that this important funding restriction is included in all future appropriations bills.

Thank you for your service, and for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Walter B. Jones  
Member of Congress



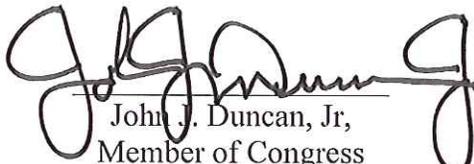
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