Testimonial of Andrew Edmond to the COPA Commission on the issues of Labeling, Rating, and Filtering

To the ladies and gentlemen of the COPA Commission, Congressional and Political Leaders, and the American Public:

My name is Andrew Edmond, CEO and President of Flying Crocodile Incorporated™.

Flying Crocodile's services are geared towards Adult webmasters and <u>consenting</u> Adult consumers, offering hosting, statistics and traffic analysis, customer service, advertising, leadership, industry news, and a host of additional subscriber services. Our current position in the Adult Online Industry is one of leadership, hosting over 80% of all free sites on the Adult web. This also places us in a position of responsibility that we have, not only to webmasters and Adult consumers, but to all of our visitors and the American public.

One of the product solutions that we have implemented to combat Online Child Pornography is iQcheck™, short for Internet Quality Check, which is internet software that tracks, reports to the FBI, and shuts down child pornography sites in our hub of over 120,000 adult websites. An iQcheck seal is displayed on participating web sites and links to an automated system which tracks all reports Flying Crocodile receives from the web-browsing public of abuse issues, such as copyright infringement, unsolicited bulk email (spam) and exploitation of minors. A visitor to an adult site who questions the content of a site, or who believes they have been spammed by a site that carries the iQcheck seal, can simply click on the seal itself to go directly to Flying Crocodile's iQcheck home page, where they may report the perceived abuse. The user will then be notified of any action taken as a result of their complaint and can revisit the iQcheck home page to track the status of their reports.

In terms of labeling, rating, and filtering solutions, I would like to address some of the solutions that have been presented.

While the proposition of XXX Domain is well intended, a XXX Domain, however, is not a global solution for the World Wide Web. It poses ethical risks to a diverse American public, financial burdens on Adult consumers and the Adult Online Community, as well as the assurance of biased censorship on the part of search portals.

There has been an influx in development of Filtering Services as with NetNanny, CYBERsitter, Cyber Patrol, Intel's Processor Serial Number (PSN), Jayde.com and an abundance of filters on the World Wide Web and solutions that range from filtering from the processor level, software level, to the ISP provider level.

The evident problems of filtering deal directly with the First Amendment and constitutionality of filtering in our diverse American society of ethnic, social, religious, and therefore, ethical diffusion of influences over our culture. A standard filtering system imposed by government or an oligarchy of corporate systems is inevitably unconstitutional.

The proposals of the Adult Online Community are as follows:

An evaluation, further consideration, and proposal of an Adult Online Community standard based upon labeling and rating systems proposed by the Internet Content Rating Association (ICRA), whom Flying Crocodile currently works with.

A community evaluation of Flying Crocodile's current service, iQcheck, and implementation across the scope of the Adult Web.

International consideration of applying these tools to the global World Wide Web and community evaluation of standards that we can impose to police the Adult Online Global Community.

In addition, services, such as BayTSP, exist to comply with existing law by aiding in verification of legal images.

These are self regulatory tools that Flying Crocodile proposes as strong solutions to continue and further our efforts in combating child access to the Adult Web and illegal images of children on the Adult Web and otherwise.

We are available, knowledgeable, and prepared to perform thorough investigations, research, and reports, use our coalitions in place and enhance the communication in the Adult Online Community to form a self regulating body on the web that adheres to the standards of the Commission and the American public to produce and apply innovative technical solutions to further combat these problems.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our ideas on this issue of mutual concern to Flying Crocodile, the Adult Online Community, the Commission, and the American public and be assured of our continued effort to address these concerns.