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INFORMATIONAL HEARING  
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### TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED MALE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

1:30 p.m.

State Capitol Room 444

#### PANELIST BIOS

#### Panel 1: Technology Facilitated Sexual Violence

**1) Dr. Safiya U. Noble, David O. Sears Presidential Endowed Chair of Social Sciences & Professor of Gender Studies, African American Studies, & Information Studies, UCLA**

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**2) Moira Donegan, Writer in Residence, the Michelle R. Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Stanford**

Moira Donegan is a writer and feminist. She is opinion columnist at The Guardian, where she covers gender, politics, and the law. Her work has appeared in The New York Times, The New Yorker, The Nation, and other places.

**3) Carrie Goldberg, Owner, C.A. Goldberg, PLLC**

Carrie Goldberg is the founder of Victims' Rights law firm C. A. Goldberg, PLLC, which does groundbreaking work nationally fighting for survivors of sexual violence and representing victims of catastrophic injuries caused by tech giants. The firm leads the nation in landmark cases challenging Section 230 immunity against big tech. As lead counsel in *Herrick v. Grindr*, Carrie introduced the novel legal approach of applying product liability law to dangerous tech products. The firm presently represents 27 families suing Amazon for selling a suicide poison to

their children. In November 2023 the firm's monumental settlement in *A.M. v. Omegle* resulted in the platform shuttering forever. The case created new precedent in the realm of product liability and sex trafficking, the first case to overcome Section 230 where the plaintiff sued a platform for injuries caused by a malicious user. The firm overcame 230 immunity in January 2024 against Snap for its role in fentanyl deaths in *Neville, et al. v Snap* and is appealing to the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit in *Doe v Grindr* relating to the foreseeable child rapes caused from the app marketing to children. Carrie proudly serves on the plaintiff steering committee in the multi-district litigation against Snap, Google, TikTok, and Meta regarding the platforms designing products intended to addict children.

Goldberg has testified three times to US Congress about Section 230, helped launch the 2022 White House Task Force to Address Online Harassment and Abuse. She authored the 2024 Youth Poisoning Protection Act to ban the household sale of a suicide chemical.

Among the firm's better-known clients are former Congresswoman Katie Hill and five Weinstein accusers, including Lucia Evans whose accusations helped launch the #MeToo movement and resulted in Weinstein's arrest. Some of the firm's proudest successes, though, are the ones that stay out of the headlines – recoveries for adult survivors of child sexual abuse and restraining orders against stalkers. In *K.M. v. City of New York, C.A. Goldberg, PLLC* achieved the highest known recovery in a Title IX case in NYC as one of a series of three cases where Goldberg exposed the pattern and practice of discrimination and retaliation against girls of color who reported sex assaults in their K-12 schools.

Carrie's well-known work for victims of nonconsensual porn is featured in the documentary *Netizens* and her work is profiled in *The New Yorker, Elle, Cosmo, Wired, Glamour* and more. Carrie is the author of "Nobody's Victim: Fighting Psychos, Stalkers, Pervs & Trolls" a 2019 NYT Editor's Choice and Paramount TV is developing a fictionalized series about Carrie and the firm. She attended Vassar College and Brooklyn Law School.

## **Panel 2: Combatting Online Radicalization of Men and Boys**

### **1) Adam R. Dodge, founder, EndTAB (Ending Technology-Enabled Abuse)**

Adam is a digital safety advocate and attorney who believes you do not have to be a tech expert to protect yourself or others in the digital age. As the founder of EndTAB, he has trained hundreds of organizations to address tech-facilitated abuse and improve the safety and wellbeing of people online. Adam has advised the White House Task Force to Address Online Harassment and Abuse, sits on the World Economic Forum's Digital Justice Advisory Committee and is a special advisor to the Coalition Against Stalkerware. His work and expertise has been featured on NBC, CBS and NPR and in Time Magazine, Rolling Stone, the New York Times, Vogue, Wired, GQ and others.

### **2) Kaitlyn Tierney, Co-Founder, Diverting Hate**

Diverting Hate is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit applied research organization founded in 2022 by Kaitlyn Tierney, Courtney Cano, and Astrid Askenberger at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey, CA. Our mission is to disrupt harmful online narratives that fuel hate-driven violence, replacing them with prosocial alternatives that foster community, resilience, and sustainable change. Focused on combating misogyny and building a safer world for all, we leverage digital interventions, research, policy work, and strategic partnerships to tackle some of society's most pressing issues.

Kaitlyn Tierney, a dedicated leader, spearheads Diverting Hate's mission to address ethical technology and combat online extremism, particularly in the realms of gender-based violence,

radicalization, and social media policies. Kaitlyn holds a B.A. in Marketing from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Master of Arts in International Policy Development with a specialization in countering violent extremism from Middlebury Institute of International Studies, Kaitlyn blends a decade of business strategy experience and social media marketing with research at the Center on Terrorism, Extremism, and Counterterrorism (CTEC).

**3) Saed D. Hill, Counseling Psychologist, Dr. Saed D. Hill Consulting**

Dr. Saed Deryck Hill, Ph.D. is a Counseling Psychologist and Independent Consultant, who specializes in the promotion of pro-social masculinities and wellness as a means of violence prevention. He provides trainings, 1on1 coaching, and strategic consulting on the topic of expansive and restrictive masculinities and has also been featured on several podcasts and other forms of media addressing the broad topics of men, masculinities, and prevention. Dr. Hill works with national organizations, school districts, higher education institutions, nonprofits, and other communities to train staff, facilitate workshops, design curricula, promote bystander intervention, and manage respondent support and alternative resolution processes. Dr. Hill also advised the White House Task Force to Address Online Harassment and Abuse, serves as a member of The Boys and Girls Club of New York City's Professional Advisory Council, was a board member of the American Psychological Association's Society for the Psychology of Men and Masculinities for two years, and served as the Assistant Director of Prevention & Masculine Engagement at Northwestern University for six years. Prior to joining Northwestern in 2018, he worked as an education and outreach coordinator in both Kansas and Missouri tasked with delivering comprehensive sexual health programming to K-12 and college students. Dr. Hill earned his Ph.D. from The University of Missouri-Kansas City and completed his Doctoral Internship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In his spare time, he enjoys psychoanalyzing trashy reality TV, obsessing about fantasy football, and attempting (sometimes successfully) to cook his mother's best Guyanese food recipes.