











October 15, 2025

The Honorable John Thune

Senate Majority Leader 511 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer

Senate Minority Leader 322 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ted Cruz

Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation 167 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell

Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation 511 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson

Speaker of the House 568 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries

House Minority Leader 2267 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Brett Guthrie

Chair, U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce 2161 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone

Ranking Member, U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce 2107 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, Chair Cruz, Ranking Member Cantwell, Speaker Johnson, Minority Leader Jeffries, Chair Guthrie, and Ranking Member Pallone:

The undersigned organizations—who collectively represent advocates, citizens, health care professionals, law enforcement officers, researchers, parents, academicians, students, and family members who have survived *preventable deaths* of beloved children—appeal to you in sorrow to pass the *Kids Online Safety Act* (KOSA), <u>S.1748</u>, the most effective legislative response to the indisputable dangers facing children online, this Congress.

As you are aware, KOSA passed the U.S. Senate by a vote of 91-3 on July 31, 2024. The version introduced in the U.S. Senate this Congress, S.1748, has been scrutinized by first amendment attorneys and scholars to verify that **the bill protects the free speech rights of all Americans**. It addresses the conduct of companies prioritizing profit over safety, not the content of online communication. S. 1748 does not give the FTC or state attorneys general the power to bring lawsuits over content or speech.

Every industry in America, from car makers to toy producers to nuclear energy companies, must assure their products and services are safe for consumers. Industry spends money and time testing products and perfecting services to avoid causing harm that could trigger liability claims. Requiring companies to ensure that their products are safe is a bedrock U.S. legal concept. However, digital platforms have













largely avoided this requirement when courts interpreted the *Communications Decency Act of 1996* as providing near blanket immunity from responsibility for what happens to users while they are online.

But large social media companies are highly aware of the impact that their addictive algorithms have on America's youth—something that we know as a result of 40 congressional hearings since 2019, multi-state litigation, and reports from whistleblowers who informed Big Tech executives about disturbing results of internal research.¹

The strength of KOSA is the legal concept at its heart: a "duty of care" to its users. This provision will compel covered social media companies to center online safety and wellbeing rather than profit alone. Implementing the duty of care will lead to decreased exposure of minors to algorithms that promote suicide and eating disorders, online bullying, illegal drug use, and sexual predators.

We know social media is fueling a youth mental health crisis in the United States. And we have seen time and again large social media companies refuse to police themselves in the absence of regulations. With this bipartisan legislation, Congress has the potential, and the obligation, to significantly improve young people's overall wellbeing by transforming the digital environment for children and teens.

Thank you for using your power to prioritize the health and safety of 73.1 million children under the age of 18 in the United States.² On June 27, in *Free Speech Coalition v. Paxton*, the Supreme Court affirmed an "important government interest" in protecting children online.³

We will not rest until KOSA is law.

Sincerely,

408 Organizations (Representing 50 states and the District of Columbia)

National Organizations

Active Minds

Alliance to End Human Trafficking

Altus Solutions, Inc.

American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work

American Compass

American Federation of Teachers (AFT)

American Youth Association (AYA)

Better Screen Time

¹ Dara Kerr, "Meta Failed to Address Harms to Teens, Whistleblower Testifies as Senators Vow Action," NPR, November 7, 2023, https://www.npr.org/2023/11/07/1211339737/meta-failed-to-address-harm-to-teens-whistleblower-testifies-as-senators-vow-act

² "Older Adults Outnumber Children in 11 States and Nearly Half of U.S. Counties." June 26, 2025. Reuters. https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2025/older-adults-outnumber-children.html

³ "Free Speech Coalition, Inc., et al. v. Paxton, Attorney General of Texas." Supreme Court of the United States. June 27, 2025.













Bruderhof Communities

Center for Countering Digital Hate

Center for Digital Democracy

Children and Screens: Institute of Digital Media and Child Development

Clinical Social Work Association

Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW)

Common Sense Media

Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee

Consumer Action

Covenant House International (providing direct services in: AL, CA, FL, GA, IL, LA, MD, MI, MO, NJ,

NY, PA, TX, and Washington, DC)

Digital Childhood Alliance

Digital Progress Institute

Early Childhood Workgroup, Fairplay's Action Network

Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action

Enough is Enough

Fairplay

General Federation of Women's Clubs (50 Chapters & District of Columbia)

Heritage Action for America

Institute for Families and Technology

International Federation of Eating Disorders Dietitians

Institute for Family Studies

Interparliamentary Taskforce on Human Trafficking

Issue One

Knights of Columbus

Legacy of Hope International

MAMA: Mothers Against Media Addiction

Mental Health America

Monte Nido

NAACP

National Alliance for Eating Disorders

National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE)

National Children's Alliance

National Council of Catholic Women

Nurses United Against Human Trafficking

Online Harms Prevention Workgroup of Parents Action Network

Parents Rise

Parents Television and Media Council

ParentsSOS

Pioneers International

Plan International USA













Project HEAL

Prostitution, Research, and Education (PRE)

Protect All Children from Trafficking

Psychotherapy Action Network

Raven

REDC Consortium

Rescue America

Rights4Girls

Sex Trade Survivor Caucus

Shared Hope International (founded by former Rep. Linda Smith)

Smartphone Free Childhood US

Street Grace

The Anxious Generation Movement

The Jed Foundation

The Kennedy Forum (founded by former Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy)

The Tech Oversight Project

TJP Advocacy

Women's Liberation Front

World Without Exploitation

State & Local Organizations

Alabama

Katie's Truth

Kingdom Forerunners

Pike Regional Child Advocacy Center

Rescue Innocence Movement

The WellHouse

Alaska

Alaska Eating Disorders Alliance MY House Matsu

Arizona

Arizona Anti-Trafficking Network Center for Arizona Policy Hickey Family Foundation Katie Klein Consulting Pearl at the Mailbox

Arkansas

The Genesis Project













California

#HalfTheStory

3Strands Global Foundation

Alexander Neville Foundation

Ameera Foundation

Bay Area Nutrition

Because Justice Matters

Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition

Central Valley Justice Coalition

Community Against Sexual Harm (CASH)

Core Wellness Living and Family Therapy Inc.

Courageous Women Association

Dance Awareness: No Child Exploited (DA:NCE)

Diamond Collective

Eating Disorders Resource Center (EDRC)

Emerge Counseling & Consulting

Equip

Exodus Cry

Father-Con

Finding Kids

Fitness n Mind

Global Hope 365

Jewish Family & Children's Services (San Francisco Bay Area)

Keeping Every Girl Free

MAMA & Distraction Free Schools California

New Day for Children

No App for Life

Olson Counseling Services Inc.

Pasadena Waldorf School

Positive Change Consultants

Recovery Record, Inc.

Resilient Ones

St. Irenaeus Bridge of Light Ministry

Survivor Leader Network of San Diego

Tech Oversight California

The Healthy Teen Project

Therapy with KB

Thriving in Freedom

Treasures

Valley Federation of Eating Disorder Professionals

Within Health

Wolverton Bailey Foundation













Colorado

Annalee's Hope Association for the Recovery of Children Colorado Children's Alliance Pornography is Not Education

Connecticut

Defend Young Minds
Empowered Network
Guided Purposes, LLC
Jacqui Cambell Nutrition
New Englanders Against Sexual Exploitation, CT Chapter
Partnership to End Human Trafficking
UConn Rudd Center for Food Policy & Health

Delaware

Be BRAVE Esperanza Events & Consulting Zoe Ministries of Delaware

Florida

America's Future, Inc.
Amy Jaffe Nutrition, LLC
ANEW Life International
Campaign Against Human Trafficking Southshore
Direct Access Counseling & Supportive Services
FLITE Center
Foundation Risk Partners
Kairos Digital
Lehigh Community Services
One More Child, Inc.

Paving the Way Foundation

Reflective Spaces Ministry, Corp.

SEA WAVES

Southwest FL Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Two Girls and a Bible, Inc.

United Abolitionists, Inc.

Wings of Shelter International, Inc.

Victims2Survivors-US

Georgia

Evolve Psychotherapy













Rescuing Hope Social Media Harms The Emily Program

<u>Hawaii</u>

Ho'ola Na Pua

Idaho

Bright Tomorrows Child Advocacy Center Citizens for Decency Upper Valley Child Advocacy Center

Illinois

Alternatives Center
Be Real USA
Buckets Over Bullying/Bronstein Family Foundation
Dualang Ministries 4
Ernestine's Daughter
KIDS TOO
Moving Toward Health PC
Nourishment Works PC

Indiana

Christine Anderson, Inc.
Farrington Specialty Centers
Indiana Department of Child Services
Newburgh Police Department
Raindrops Rising Foundation
Resiliency Foundation
Whitington Services for Children and Families
Vickie Health LLC

Iowa

Chains Interrupted
Eating Disorder Coalition of Iowa

Kansas

Free State Nutrition International Public Policy Institute Screen Guardians The Stop Trafficking Project®

Kentucky

EAT LAB, University of Louisville













Kentucky Eating Disorder Council Women Graduates USA

Louisiana

Free NOLA, Inc.
Dragonfly Harbor
Louisiana United Methodist Children and Families
Louisiana CASA
Metanoia Manor
Methodist Children's Home
Michelle Johnson Consulting LLC
Waldorf School of New Orleans

Maine

Ashley McHan Mindbody Psychotherapy Just Love Worldwide Nutrition Care Center Turn the Tide Coalition

Maryland

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)
Grace McComas Memorial
Maryland Coalition Against Pornography
Matthew Minor Awareness Foundation
Waldorf School of Baltimore

Massachusetts

Academy for Eating Disorders
All Girls Allowed
Becca Schmill Foundation
Culture Reframed
Defending the Early Years
Enough Abuse
Massachusetts PTA
My Life My Choice

Nourishing Words

NourishRX

Safe Exit Initiative

Stop Predatory Gambling

Sudbury for Digital Balance

The Multi Service Eating Disorders Association Inc. (MEDA)

Turning Life On













Michigan

Center for Eating Disorders Michigan Eating Disorders Alliance (MiEDA) Protect Young Eyes

Minnesota

Alison Raman Counseling Alternative Solutions Devin J. Norring Foundation Suicide Awareness Voices of Education (SAVE) The Link MN WithAll

Mississippi

Center for Violence Prevention Rootdown

Missouri

ACCESS Lab at Washington University in St. Louis Lion's Heart Montessori Missouri Eating Disorders Council Paradigm Shift Training and Consulting Parent Pro Tech

Montana

Council of Catholic Women
ProjectSTAND
The Lifeguard Group
STEP, Inc.
The Worthy Ranch
Yellowstone Human Trafficking Task Force

Nebraska

Central Plains Child Advocacy Center Disrupting Traffick For Such a Time As This Honesty Project Tredas Victress MVMT

Nevada

Awaken Reno













CONVO Church I AM Jessica Kay Theravada Mental Health Human Trafficking Prevention Alliance

New Hampshire

Beauty from Ashes Ministry **EXPOSE** New Hampshire Traffick Free Coalition

New Jersey

Emmy's Champions Healing on Hudson Mitola Nutrition New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking Rest and Digest Nutrition LLC

New Mexico

Educate and Empower Kids

New York

Coalition Against Trafficking in Women Eating Disorder Treatment Collaborative Holy Family Parish Joyful Heart Foundation Lynn's Warriors Marsh Law Firm PLLC

National Organization for Women (NY Chapter) Peace of Christ Parish (Rochester)

Sanctuary for Families

St Michael's Institute

The Emilee Connection

Waldorf Early Childhood Association of North America

Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs

WECAN

Western NY Comprehensive Care for Eating Disorders

Women's Justice NOW

Wonder Girls USA

North Carolina

AbolitionNC

Bannister Consultancy













Chrysalis Center for Counseling and Eating Disorder Treatment

City of Henderson, NC

Designed for Joy

Essential Nutrition & Wellness

Forever Free Human Trafficking Rescue

Genesis...A New Beginning

Greenhouse Psychology and Wellness, PLLC

NC Stop Human Trafficking

Onehope Refuge

Pace & Tebb Nutrition Consulting

Project Light Rowan

Ruby Oak Nutrition

Safelight

Shield North Carolina

Stand Against Trafficking USA

Survivor Network NC

North Dakota

31:8 Project

Children's Advocacy Centers of North Dakota

ConnectUS Therapy

Families Flourish ND

Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center

Red River Children's Advocacy Center

Ohio

Abolition Ohio

An Athlete's Silence

Broken to Beautifully Whole

Delta Counseling

Fully Nourished Nutrition, LLC

She Has A Name

Unite for Social Media

Oklahoma

Allied Nutrition Care

Deaf Church Oklahoma Inc.

Laureate Eating Disorder

Tech Safe Solutions

Truckers Against Trafficking

Oregon

Amanda Birkhead Nutrition Counseling













Breaking Generational Cycles Bridging the Gap-Oregon Trafficking Law Center

Pennsylvania

Balanced Nutrition, LLC
Carpe Diem Nutrition
Center for Child Justice – Family Services Incorporated
Center for Mind, Body, and Wellness, Inc.
Delco Unplugged
Half A Million Kids
Luzerne County Child Advocacy Center
Native Clinics
PA Unplugged
Pennsylvania Nutrition Counseling, LLC
Promise of Life Network
Walk Her Home

Rhode Island

Leaders of the Former Together With Love New Englanders Against Sexual Exploitation, RI Chapter Tin Man Ministries

South Carolina

Born2Fly International, Inc. Greenville Nutrition Therapy Greenway Recovery Less Than 3 South Carolina Legislative Roundtable on Human Trafficking

South Dakota

Victus Counseling Compassionate Nutrition

Tennessee

Aristevi
Balance Nutrition Counseling
Forgiven Much Ministries
Fowler Nutrition PLLC
Freedom Forever
Heart of Intercession Ministry
Parents Who Fight
Riverside Entertainment













Sarah Torti Counseling Thistle Farms

Texas

A Butterfly Gets Its Wings AK Chase Consulting Allies Against Slavery Carly Ryan Foundation Child Advocates of Montgomery County David's Legacy Foundation Houston 20 **Human Trafficking Abolitionists** Justice Society MasterWord Services Not on Our Watch No Trafficking Zone

Redeemed Ministries Reflection Ministries of TX SB Nutrition Therapy Talk More. Tech Less. Texas Society for Clinical Social Work Thoughtful Nutrition

Unbound Now Wellspring

Wilco Therapist

Utah

Digital Childhood Institute Fight the New Drug PHASE Alliance

Vermont

New Englanders Against Sexual Exploitation (NEASE), VT Chapter Northwest Unit for Special Investigations Vermont Children's Alliance

Virginia

Courage to Nourish **Emily Harrison Consulting** Light of Life Ministries Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance Lisa Nava, Ph.D. & Associates, LLC Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance













Mood Balance Nutrition
New Creation
Prosperity Eating Disorders and Wellness
Rock Recovery
Tidal Counseling, PLC
Wealth Management Ministries – Prevention Works Joint Task Force and Coalition
Latisha's House

Washington

Andrea Broadwater Counseling and Consulting LLC
Bravespace Nutrition
Center for Online Safety
Emily RH Benedict Counseling
iSeeYouInitiative
The Seattle Clinic

West Virginia

Logan & Mingo Child Advocacy Centers Harmony House, Inc. West Virginia University School of Medicine West Virginia Child Advocacy Network

Wisconsin

Fight to End Exploitation
Just Talk to Them
LOVE>hate Project
Mastarlarz Counseling, LLC
The Women's Community
Willow Tree CAC

Wyoming

Uprising