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The Honorable Ted Cruz, Chair
U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation
254 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell, Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation
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Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell:

As parents who have lost our children to online harms, we write to urge the Senate Commerce Committee to mark up the Senate Kids Online Safety Act as written, with no amendments.

Parents across the country have waited long enough. The Senate Kids Online Safety Act has 76 cosponsors and passed the Senate 91-3 in the last Congress. That overwhelming bipartisan vote reflected what parents already know: This strong legislation is urgently needed, broadly supported, and ready to move. The Senate Commerce Committee should mark up Senate KOSA and preserve the following must-have provisions:

A strong duty of care. KOSA must require platforms to ensure that their design choices are not causing or contributing to compulsive use or other serious harms to minors. Parents do not need another disclosure regime or voluntary promise from Big Tech. We need a legal obligation that requires platforms to take reasonable steps to prevent foreseeable harms caused by the products they design and profit from.

A knowledge standard that holds platforms accountable. KOSA must not allow platforms to keep pretending they do not know when a user is a minor. Companies have built some of the most sophisticated data systems in the world to target, track, and monetize young users. They should not be able to disclaim knowledge of a child's age when accountability is on the line.

Clear preemption language that protects state action. KOSA must make clear that states can continue to pass and enforce their own laws to protect kids online. Federal legislation should create a floor for child safety, not a ceiling that blocks states from responding to emerging harms. Parents need every level of government to retain the ability to act.

A broad definition of online platforms. KOSA must hold a wide range of companies accountable, including video game platforms and platforms of all sizes that reach and affect



children. Children do not experience online harm only on the largest social media apps. Any serious child safety law must reflect the full digital environment where kids spend their time.

These provisions are practical, reasonable, and essential. A bill without these protections would leave families with far less than what the Senate already passed last Congress by an overwhelming bipartisan vote and is endorsed by more than three-quarters of the Senate this year.

We appreciate the bipartisan leadership that has brought KOSA this far and urge you to continue that bipartisanship by preserving the essential provisions of the bill that have made it the preferred approach to online safety of parents and the overwhelming majority of your Senate colleagues.

Please mark up Senate KOSA as written, with no amendments.

Sincerely,

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Parent of Jordan, Forever 17

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Parent of Matthew, Forever 12

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Parent of Matthew, Forever 12

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