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Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leaders Schumer and McConnell:

As a group of heartbroken and concerned parents, we work tirelessly to ensure that no parent will ever have to endure what we went through: the death or serious harm of a child due to Big Tech's demonstrated disregard for children's health and well-being. To that end, we are extremely grateful for your leadership in advancing the Kids Online Safety Act ("KOSA") and updates to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act ("COPPA 2.0"). By limiting data collection and creating a duty of care, transparency requirements, and new tools for parents and young people, KOSA and COPPA 2.0 will significantly transform the online environment for young people and reduce online harms for children and teens.

While you work towards passage of both KOSA and COPPA 2.0, however, we implore you to please protect parents' and families' rights to hold Big Tech legally and publicly accountable through state laws, state protections, and having critical access to the courts. Many of us have successfully advocated for protections at the state level, which are some of the most flexible and best tools available to hold Big Tech accountable. Please do not wipe away these critical accountability mechanisms, undoing the progress that has been made to date.

You are uniquely situated as lawmakers to protect our children in ways we cannot, and it is imperative that any laws passed on a federal level not wipe away the tools available to hold Big Tech accountable in court. Federal laws must serve as a regulatory floor of safety standards that work hand in hand with state laws to ensure the most rigorous protections possible for our children and teens. And even then, we know that digital media is an ever evolving and expansive field that will develop in ways we cannot imagine now, just as it evolved in ways we could never have foreseen when Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act was first enacted more than 25 years ago.

Please continue to preserve and protect our rights as parents. Please empower our families to heal and move forward, and please do right by the parents, families, school districts, and states who are all trying their best to make things better so that no more families need to experience what we have gone through.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joann, parent of Mason, 15, Indiana
Amy , parent of Alexander, 14, Arizona
Wade, parent of Eli, 17, Oregon
Deb, parent of Becca, 18, Massachusetts
James, New York
Erin, parent of Emily, 17, New Jersey
Kristin, parent of Carson, 16, Arizona
Bridgette, parent of Devin, 19, Minnesota
Sharon, parent of Alex, 17, Georgia
Mary, parent of Riley, forever 15, New York

Adriane
Michael, parent of Julia, 10
Andreanita, parent of Zion, 15, Minnesota
Julianna, parent of Coco, 17, New York
Carl, South Carolina
Christy, parent of Kaliyah, 16, Texas
Angela, Michigan
Tracy, parent of Brady, 16, New Mexico
IV, North Carolina
Courtney, parent of a 13 year old, Illinois
Jennifer, parent of Tatem, 16, Missouri
Carrie, parent of Jack, 18, Wisconsin
Andre, parent of Maya, 17, Massachusetts
Darla, parent of Tripp, 15
Candace, parent of Derek, 16, Maryland
Maria, parent of Ricardo, 17
Annie, parent of Griffin, 13, Wisconsin
Keri, parent of Liam, Texas
Betty, parent of Aadison, 17, Arkansas
Krystal, parent of Deja, 12
Kathleen, parent of Jack, forever 19, Michigan
Alice, parent of Yuri, 9, South Carolina
Alice, parent of Selena, 17, North Carolina
Vitty, parent of Michelle, 13, California
Maggie, parent of Emily, 17, Illinois
Jasmine, parent of Cj and Emmanuel, 15 & 14, Georgia
Marlena, parent of Zayna, 14, Illinois
Elaine, parent of Aliyah and Alicia
Paul, parent of Anthony and Kaelyn, Rhode Island
Natalie, parent of Natalia and Katana, 12 and 15, Minnesota
Jennifer, parent of Ian, 16, Florida
Taylor, Colorado
Tonya, parent of Maliah, 9, Florida
Keila, parent of Lashia, 16, California
Latricia, parent of Maniya, 15
Chloe, Colorado
David, parent of Angie, 15
Ramona, parent of Michael, 20, California
Juliet, parent of Angie, 15
Michele, parent of Dajanae, 19, California
Jennifer, parent of Julianna, 12, Illinois
Wendy, parent of Tyler, 14
Johnnie
Carissa, parent of Taylor, 21, Colorado
Dani, parent of Alex, Washington
Pam, parent of Pj
Kathleen, parent of Noel, 14, Michigan
Sarah, parent of LilLee, 12, Colorado

Maurice, parent of Quadir, 12, California
Candace Wuest, parent of Cecelia Neltner, 18, Kentucky
Ebony, parent of Re'Niyah, 18
Feilani, parent of a 14 year old, California
Larry, parent of a 14 year old, California
Sarah, parent of Antoine, 14, Illinois
Shawntayne, Illinois
EV, California
Stephanie, parent of Bella, 16, Texas
Tabitha, parent of an 18 year old, Texas
Travis, parent of Adrian, 17, North Carolina
Tina, parent of Destinee, 17, Ohio
Stephen, parent of Michael, 20, California
Sherry, parent of Jacob, 11
Nicole, parent of Nathan, 21
Tammy, parent of Selena, 11, Connecticut
Katybeth, parent of Natalia, 12, Pennsylvania
Curtis, parent of Vivian, 16, South Carolina
Melissa, parent of Trinity, 17, Missouri
ShellyAnn, parent of Kezzaria, 16, Minnesota
Jesse, parent of Jessica, 17, Illinois
Crystal, parent of Elizabeth, 14, California
Stacy, parent of Arianna, 17, Tennessee
S.O., parent of K, 14, Virginia
Mary Kay, parent of Bailee, 14, Washington
Khadijah, parent of Laylah, 18, South Carolina
Cynthia, parent of Shania, 16, Massachusetts
Jennifer, parent of Michael, forever 15, Idaho
Latoya, parent of a 14 year old, California
Michelle, parent of Emma
Julie, New York
Altalena, parent of Angelina, 17, Florida
Kristina, parent of Morgan Danielle, forever 15 years, 2 months, 6 days, Wisconsin
Matt, parent of Alexandra, 20, California
Nancy, parent of Lucy, 18, California
Ashley, parent of Colton
Carla, parent of Devin, 15, Alabama
Myra, parent of Alex, 13, Louisiana
Rose, parent of Nate, forever 15, Illinois
Kenya, parent of Nairobi, 13
Stephanie, parent of Orion, 13, Massachusetts
Vasiliki, parent of Anna, 17, New York
Jonae', parent of Jaiden, 7, Pennsylvania
Jodie, parent of Mallory, 21
Abby
Hazel, parent of Paris and Alondra, 14 and 13, California
Tiffany, parent of Megan, 16, Michigan
Carol, North Carolina

Lisa, parent of Chris, California
Dymand, parent of K, 3, Pennsylvania
Zaire, parent of Zariyah, 13
Damian, parent of Kamari, 15, Illinois
Lori, parent of Annalee, 18, Colorado
Ninotchka, parent of Asiaha, 16, Nevada
Elizabeth, parent of N, 18, New York
Katarina, parent of Eres, 19, Washington
Cindy, Missouri
Dema, parent of Tahreer, 14, Washington
Samantha, parent of a 17 year old, CA
Alice, parent of Taylor, 13, North Carolina
Latisha, parent of Catherine, 18, Utah
Kristie, parent of Noah, 13, Wisconsin
Andrea, parent of Zachary, 21, Massachusetts
Joanne, Minnesota
Kristine, parent of Jonathan, 22, Wisconsin
Darla, parent of Emma Claire, forever 16, Louisiana
Jajaira, parent of a 12 year old, New Hampshire
Chiquita, parent of ChrisSyous and Kris'Zira, 16 and 14
Cheryl, parent of Shyanne, 20, California
Johnnie, parent of Cloe, North Carolina
Selena, parent of Jordan, forever 18, Hawaii
Michael, parent of Lilly, 12, Washington
Gilio, parent of a 15 year old, California
Jasmine, parent of Jullian, Virginia
Laura, parent of Brillion, 18, Washington
Jamila, parent of Malia, 15, Oregon
Alma Coll, parent of Mark, 15, California
William, parent of Zschary, 11, New York
Jackie, parent of Angela, 15, Tennessee
Kimika, parent of Rihanna and Gihanna, 16, Arkansas
Veronica, parent of Victoria, 16, Illinois
Marie, parent of Dareka, 17
Ju, parent of Jaxon
Brandi, parent of Tahrique, 11, Michigan
Shawane, parent of Leon, 16, Texas
Maurine, parent of David, forever 16, Texas
Heather, parent of Evan, 14, Utah
Lisa, parent of G'inye, 15, Illinois
Tanya, parent of Allura, 17
Karla, parent of Karla, 15, Texas
Ashley, parent of Jaleah, 15, New York
Erica, parent of Daniel, 16, California
Kate, parent of a 15 year old
Kathy, parent of Anthony Jr, 17, New York
Herlena, parent of Gizelle and Gabby, 14 and 13, Illinois
Jeannie, parent of Clara and Isabella Cain, 13

Rachelle
Patti, parent of Lauren, 18, Colorado
Jessica, parent of Zaiden, 11, New Mexico
Jahmilya, parent of a 10 year old and a 15 year old, California
Charlotte, California
Lynn, parent of Ava, 17, Arizona
Leasy, parent of Evangeline, 16
Jacqueline, parent of Carleigh, 14, Virginia
Charlene, parent of Leila, 14, Arizona
Marshera, parent of Brodie, 14, Georgia
Patrick, parent of Vanessa, 18, California
Devon, parent of Anne Taylor, 12, Maryland
Michelle, parent of Maggie, 10, Colorado
Judy, parent of Erik, forever 12, California
Tiffini, parent of Lou Ann and Delaney, 18 and forever 21, Illinois
Devon
Mandy, parent of Ashton, 8, California
Penelope, parent of B., 11, Georgia
Tiffany, parent of Alexis, 22, North Carolina
Angie, parent of Brenna, 17, Arkansas
Jamey, parent of Riley, 16, Tennessee
Deanna, parent of Reyna, 11, California
Ranita
Tambre, Texas
Valerie, parent of Alex, 22, California
Chris, parent of Kayleigh, Illinois
Joy, parent of Trevionna, 19, Illinois
Fred, parent of Jocelyn, 14, New Jersey
Diana, parent of Juan, forever 16, Florida
Lisa, parent of Fernando, 17, California
Jessica, parent of Trenton, 14, Michigan
Bridget, parent of Alexander Young, 24, Colorado
Lindsay, parent of a 5 year old and a 15 year old
Whitney, parent of Britain, 17, Texas
Mekeda, parent of Aubrie, 12, Nevada
Orisha Ruth, parent of Morgan, 12, Minnesota
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Shannon
Jennifer, parent of Julia, Oregon
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Jessica, parent of Chloe, 12
Laura, parent of Candence (Jax), 14, Washington
Nicole, parent of Kaitlyn and Angelina, 15 and 18, California
Arnold, parent of Bella, 13, California
MF, Ohio
Deadra
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Renee, parent of Bryan, New Jersey

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Amanda, parent of Alexis, 13, Illinois

Dana

Mia, parent of Matthew, 12, Maryland

Lamonica, parent of Jaheem, 17

Amanda, parent of Mikeala, 13, Minnesota

Randy, parent of Copper, 16, Kansas

Corrie, Illinois

Tanisha, parent of Arionna, 20, Missouri

Kim, parent of Skyler, 16, New York

Todd, parent of Matthew, forever 12, Maryland

Christine, parent of Grace, forever 15, Maryland

April, parent of Melissa, 16, Montana

Cynthia, parent of Kyra Lepore, 14, New York

Jessica Garcia

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Brian, parent of Walker, forever 16, Mississippi

Kathryn, parent of Trinity and Chantel, 17 and forever 18, Indiana

Pamela, parent of Taj, 15, Tennessee

Derick, parent of Hennessy, 13, Oregon

Lakiya

Donna, parent of a 16 year old, New York

Darsi, parent of Skye

Heather

Tabatha, parent of Luna, 13, Texas

Scott

Barbara

R. Neave

Chris, parent of Jessica, New Jersey

SB, parent of K, 15, California

Randy, Utah

Zachary, Arizona

Kimberly, parent of Max, forever 18, Colorado

Maria, California

Nichole, parent of Aiden Sumner, 17, Missouri

Robert, parent of Kaysha Ann (Kaylor), 25, Georgia

Angela, parent of William, 16, Ohio

Tancia, parent of Addisyn and Macie, 16 and 14

Brittany, parent of Jordyn, 15, Texas

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Danielle, parent of Austina, 13, Florida

Kynisha, Pennsylvania

M Neave, New York

S Schenker, New York

SE Neave, New York

JaToya, Ohio

Martha, parent of Ella, MA

Roslynn, parent of Demetris, 13, New Mexico

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Danielle Patricia, parent of Honesty, 19, Alaska
Brooke, New York
Jennifer, parent of Starla, 15, Idaho
Blair, parent of Brantley, 17, Louisiana
Patty, parent of Caitlyn, 13, New York
Georgia, parent of Bianca, 17, Delaware
Ella, parent of Ella, 22, Massachusetts
Elizabeth, parent of Joshua, 22, Texas
Ellie, Utah
Angel, parent of Ania, 17
Lindsey, parent of Manuel, 17, California
Jennifer
Michael, parent of Kevin, 20, Maryland
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Donna, parent of Christopher James (CJ), 17, Wisconsin
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Sabrina, parent of Sarah, 16, Texas
Rachel, parent of Chloe, 15, Iowa
Ashley, parent of Stellina, 12, Oregon
Nicole, parent of Jazmyn, 13, Ohio
Kristina, parent of Hannah, 15, North Carolina
Sarah
Samantha, Arkansas
Ashley, parent of Ainsley, 21, Arizona
Jolene
Aisha, parent of Jalilah, 17, New York
Joel, parent of Audrey, 19, Utah
Charity, parent of Isabella, 12, California
Veronica, Georgia
Kate, parent of Alyssa, Michigan
Catherine, parent of a 17 year old, Virginia
Shannon, parent of Ashlyn, forever 16, Minnesota
Mary, parent of Brooklyn, 12, Indiana
Sara, parent of LillyAnna-May, 16, Washington
Cindy, Arizona
Ainsley
Dawn, parent of Kayleigh, 15, Oklahoma
Julianne, parent of Tyler, 15, Nevada
Frances, parent of Blessing, 18, Texas
Blake, parent of Cam, 7, South Carolina
NS, parent of Minnie, 9, Nevada
Tabath, parent of Keith, forever 22, Alabama
Michael, parent of Adriana, 14, New Jersey
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Lasaundra, parent of Lyric and Azjani, 9 and 15, Georgia
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Muna, parent of a 16 year old, Georgia

Cristina
Victoria, Washington
Paula, parent of Ramy, 16, Washington
Amanda
Jennifer, parent of Selena, 17, Ohio
Skyye, South Carolina
Maidel, parent of Isabella, 15, Florida
Alexandra, Virginia
Jada
Natalie, parent of Trinity, 14, Georgia
Darcy, South Carolina
Angelia, South Carolina
Glennys, parent of Jineily, 15, Ohio
Andrea, parent of Aiden, 8, Florida
Rina, parent of Haleigh, 17, California
Seanna
Yaasmeen, parent of Brae'ly, 10, Georgia
Lynn
Bryan
Krislynn, parent of Chandler, forever 18, Texas
Sasha, parent of Lavel
Holly, parent of Kiera, 16
Brianna
Kyana
Melissa, parent of Nathaniel, 8
Kyzeita, parent of Deniya, 7, Maryland
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Chris, parent of Luis, forever 17, Arizona
Dinessa, parent of Maryam, 13, Virginia
Brandy, parent of Gracie, 14, Florida
Kwanda, New York
Janisha, parent of Dimiyah, 13
Rosemarie, parent of Julianna, 17, North Carolina
Jennifer, parent of Jada, 19, Illinois
Paula, parent of Justine, 19, California
Maya
Casilda, parent of Michelle, 20, New York
Theresa, parent of Myles, California
Anna, parent of Dominick, 14, Washington
Tammy, parent of Alexis and Jada, New York
James, parent of Jack, forever 19, Michigan
Tracey, parent of Jemarra, 17, Georgia
Jaime, parent of Charron, 16, Missouri
Erica, parent of Angeliah, Florida
Xandra, parent of Shandi, 15, New York
Renea, parent of Madison, 18, Ohio
Norma, parent of Daniel, 7, California
Rickia

Justin, parent of Joseph, 16, Illinois
Christine, parent of Lola, 12, Ohio
Jason, parent of Penelope, 14, British Columbia, Canada
Jennifer, parent of Paula, 14, Vermont
Amber, parent of Isaiah and Makila, Indiana
Tj, Ohio
Sarah, parent of Byron, 16, Oregon
Hanh, parent of Brooke
Lisa, parent of KkLC, Tennessee
Serina, parent of Andrew, 17, California
Irasema, parent of Ariana, 14
Brandi
Ileah, Florida
Laura, parent of Adriana, 16, Ohio
Jolene
Baseemah, parent of Anthony and Imari, 11 and 5, Delaware
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Shaleetha, parent of Imani, Michigan
Christina, parent of Lalani, 8, Texas
Sasha, parent of a 14 year old, Florida
Krystal, parent of Matthew, forever 14, Arizona
Stacey, parent of Saydee, 15, Kansas
Jennifer
Michelle, New York
Sharon, parent of Caroline, 19
Janella
Selina, parent of Silas, forever 13, South Dakota
Mhrynde, parent of Lola, New York
Sunshrrria, parent of Dashawn, 11, Michigan
Velvet
Pamela, parent of Lola, 18, New York
Denise, parent of Jodeny, 16, Florida
Jessica, Delaware
Hunter, parent of McKenna, 16, Florida
Lily, parent of Angel, 15, New York
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Kayla, parent of Jayla, 15, Tennessee
Janet, parent of Noriange, 12, South Carolina
Kent, parent of a 16 year old
Michelle, parent of Brooke, 19, Florida
Mark, parent of Brooke, 19, Florida
Alice, North Carolina
Monica, parent of Fidel, forever 16, California
Brandy, parent of Englyn, forever 14, Louisiana
Samuel, parent of Sammy, forever 16, California
Kathleen, parent of Alexis, 21, New York
Jennie, parent of Mason, forever 16, Arkansas
Dave, parent of Mason, forever 16, Arkansas

Jaime, parent of Daniel, forever 16, California
Toney, parent of Englyn, forever 14, Louisiana