



February 8, 2024

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader United States Senate
S-221, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Our appeal is straightforward: please bring the Kids Online Safety Act (S. 1409) to a vote.

We have paid the ultimate price for Congress’s failure to regulate social media. Our children have died from social media harms. Platforms have done everything and anything to maximize young people’s engagement – including designing products that invite our kids down dangerous and deadly rabbit holes of pro-suicide and eating disorder content; enticing them to attempt dangerous challenges; facilitating sextortion schemes; and implementing design features that leave children more vulnerable to predation, drug dealers, and cyberbullying. These are not isolated incidents but rather a harrowing reflection of a broader, systemic mental health crisis that demands immediate legislative action.

Last week, many of us traveled to Washington to witness first-hand the historic hearing with social media CEOs. That hearing made clear for the American people what we understand all too well: Unregulated social media has been a disaster for young people’s privacy, safety and wellbeing. Platforms will never make meaningful changes unless Congress forces them to. The urgency of this matter cannot be overstated. If the status quo continues, more children will die from preventable causes and from social media platforms’ greed.

We respectfully ask you to leverage your considerable influence and leadership to prioritize the safety of American children and bring the Kids Online Safety Act to a vote in the U.S. Senate.

With deepest respect and urgency,

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Michelle Servi of WI (Jack Servi, forever age 16)
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Kristie Reilly of WI (Noah Dennis, forever age 13)
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Sabrina Jean Jankowski of CO (Joseph John Jankowski, forever age 24)
Sondra Worthley of NY (Xander Worthley, forever age 12)
Annie McGrath of WI (Griffin "Bubba" McGrath, forever age 13)
Tabbatha Urbanski of MN (Seth Carlson, forever age 17)
Leah Gallant of TN (Charlotte Gallant, forever age 19)
Chris & Jennifer Kirkendall of OH (Joshua Kirkendall, forever age 14)
Rosemarie Maneri of NY (Shylynn Dixon, forever age 18)
Deborah LaCroix of MA (Jonathan Shea, forever age 35)
Michelle Nelson of AZ (Sarah Nelson, forever age 15)
Hazel Hoerz of NC (Nathan Hoerz, forever age 13)
Heather Burgess of OH (Tristen Walker Mackintosh, forever age 10)
Toni Martin of MI (Uriah Thomas Gildard Martin, forever age 12)
Jesus Verduzco of NM (David J Verduzco, forever age 18)
Monica Mayberry of MI (Marika Bedolla West, forever age 15)
Laurie & Bill Dobson of NJ (Gage Dobson, forever age 14)
Marianne Beel of CO (Danny Beel, forever age 19)
Kristine E. Bobish of MI (Dayton Foot, forever age 12)
Jess Stanley of MA (Brenden Cardoza, forever age 12)
Christine Hageman of IL (Brody Everett Hageman, forever age 14)
Petra Verhoven-Jordan of CO (Gian-Luc Jordan, forever age 12)
Dana Ziemniak of PA (Evan Ziemniak, forever age 12)
Sherry Bergmann of MI (Collin Homan, forever age 12)
Jennifer Spicer of TN (Austin Spicer, forever age 16)
Jenifer Hanser of MO (Parker Otto Hanser, forever age 15)
Ken Tork of WA (Kevin Conroy Tork, forever age 15)
Mary Rodee of NY (Riley, forever age 15)
Erin Popolo of NJ (Emily, forever age 17)
Carmen Mouritsen of AZ (Nigel, forever age 14)
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Amy & Aaron Neville of AZ (Alexander, forever age 14)
Rose & Rob Bronstein of IL (Nate Bronstein, forever age 15)
Samuel P. Chapman of CA (Sammy, forever age 16)
Misty Terrigino of AZ (Kaylie, forever age 17)
Kristin & Tom Bride of AZ (Carson Bride, forever age 16)
Sharon Winkler of GA (Alex Peiser, forever age 17)
Brian & Shannon Lee of MN (Ashlyn Taylor Lee, forever age 16)

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Dia J. Caulkins of WI (Graciella Sawyer Caulkins, forever age 14)
Elizabeth & Bill Reid of NY (Jack Reid, forever age 17)
Darren & Melissa Basford of NY (Riley Basford, forever age 15)
Seth & Dianne Grossman of NJ (Mallory Rose Grossman, forever age 12)
Maurine & Matt Molak of TX (David Molak, forever age 16)
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Christine McComas of MD (Grace Katherine McComas, forever age 15)
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Heriberto & Christal Arroyo Roman of WI (Arriani Jaileen Arroyo, forever age 9)
Tammy Rodriguez of CT (Selena Rodriguez, forever age 11)
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Jess W. of NM (Zaye B., forever age 11)
Krystal Lebofsky of FL (Deja Star Marie McCullough, forever age 12)
Kathryn Guillot Loftin of TX (Kennedy Elizabeth Loftin, forever age 12)
Beverly Garland of GA (Breezy Carter, forever age 12)
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Amanda Eubanks of CA (Luca Manuel, forever age 13)
Sylvia Gonzalez of CA (Ariella Blessing Cardoza, forever age 13)
Janet Majewski of GA (Emily Grace Zavala, forever age 14)
Britney & Karl Obray of UT (Dexton Obray, forever age 14)
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Carla Gray of MO (Zoe Gray, forever age 14)
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Latasha Jones of IA (William Pippins II, forever age 15)
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Casey Loza of CA (Sadie Raine Hershman Loza, forever age 15)
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Kristina Cahak of WI (Morgan Danielle Pieper, forever age 15)
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Amie Portis of TX (Sydney Pfullmann, forever age 15)
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Norma E. Nazario of NY (Zackery Noel Nazario, forever age 15)
Cynthia Bolinger of NC (Alexis (Lexi) Bolinger, forever age 15)
Andy & Rhonda Burris of KS (Nicholas Cruz Burris, forever age 15)
Joseph Klotz of CA (Angelo Joseph Klotz, forever age 15)
Diana Trujillo of FL (Juan Jiménez, forever age 16)
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Darla C. Gill of LA (Emma Claire Gill, forever age 16)
Hunter Brown of FL (McKenna Brown, forever age 16)
Frances Gonzales of AZ (Rey Caballero Jr., forever age 16)
Jennifer Mitchell of FL (Ian Ezquerra, forever age 16)
April of MT (Melissa Buckles, forever age 16)
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Erica Adams of CA (Daniel Adams, forever age 16)
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Rey Caballero of AZ (Rey Caballero Jr., forever age 16)
Katherine Townsend of IA (Saniah R. Mickle, forever age 16)
Jaime Ignacio Puerta of CA (Daniel J. Puerta-Johnson, forever age 16)
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Darkita Gill of NC (Jasmine Gill, forever age 16)
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Shawane Miller of TX (Leon, forever age 16)
Ivy Petersen of NM (James Shufelt, forever age 16)
Jessica Arevalo of CA (Nayelie Fonseca, forever age 16)
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Jennifer Buta of MI (Jordan DeMay, forever age 17)
Lynn Sorenson of AZ (Ava Sorenson, forever age 17)
Donna Sue Smith of IN (Kadin Ray Smith, forever age 17)
Hanh Badger of CA (Brooke Badger, forever age 17)
John DeMay of MI (Jordan DeMay, forever age 17)
Mariam Hernandez of CA (Jeffrey Johnston Jr., forever age 17)
Maggie Taylor of IL (Emily Taylor, forever age 17)
Donna Dawley of WI (Christopher James "CJ" Dawley, forever age 17)
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Bobbie Tatum of FL (Xavier McKinney, forever age 17)
DeAnna LaFrombois of WA (Oscar Sanchez-LaFrombois, forever age 17)
Christina Martin of OH (Alysa, forever age 17)
Lisa Marquez of CA (Fernando Sanchez, forever age 17)

Wendy Plunk of AZ (Zachariah Plunk, forever age 17)
Patricia Hawkins of IL (Joshua Hawkins, forever age 17)
Tom & Annie McCurdy of WA (Henry McCurdy, forever age 17)
Shayna Grogan of NC (Adrian Buie, forever age 17)
Misty of AZ (Kaylie Tallant, forever age 17)
Christopher M. Wagner of CA (Christopher Michael Wagner Jr., forever age 17)
Lindsey of CA (Manuel Navarro, forever age 17)
Jayanna Peterson of CA (James (Jj) Jason Peterson, forever age 17)
Kate Boehmer of CO (Logan Boehmer, forever age 17)
Eunice Moreno of KS (Jonathan Moreno, forever age 17)
MiCael Cole of IN (Damone Williams Jr., forever age 18)
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Carrie Harrison of WI (John McDonough, forever age 18)
Laura Lynch of WA (Brillion, forever age 18)
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Krystal Grigsby of TX (Autumn Carter, forever age 18)
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Patti Klose of CO (Lauren Lujan, forever age 18)
Rosa Maria Galvan of CA (Anthonie Julien Medrano Galvan, forever age 18)
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Michele Campbell of CA (Dajanae Moore, forever age 19)
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Julie Soto of AZ (Frederick Viscomi, forever age 19)
James Sanborn of CA (Kinhthi Sanborn, forever age 19)
Joseph Fazzio of LA (Jayden Fazzio, forever age 19)
Andrea Cahill of NH (Tyler Cahill, forever age 19)
Georgia Peterson of WA (Gregg Jared Peterson, forever age 19)
Amanda Davis of NJ (Destiny Bechtel, forever age 19)
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William Anderson of MN (Jacob Anderson, forever age 20)
Stephen Cahill of CA (Michael Cahill, forever age 20)
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Kelly Abbott of MO (Jake Abbott, forever age 20)
Cassaundra Robinson of OH (Leila Sloan-Rivers, forever age 20)
Bert Grigsby of KS (Ericka Grigsby, forever age 20)
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Fran Humphreys of WA (Sophia R Humphreys, forever age 20)
Keri Parker of TX (Liam Parker O'Mahony, forever age 20)
Perla Mendoza of CA (Daniel Elijah Figueroa, forever age 20)
Angela Woodard of WI (Damien Levi, forever age 20)
Doug Hutchings of GA (Kevin Hutchings, forever age 20)
Jackie Douglas Hutchings of GA (Kevin Andrew Hutchings, forever age 20)
Andrea Silvano of MA (Zachary Parsons, forever age 21)
John Standal of WI (Ian Standal, forever age 21)
Rachel Ruepke of IA (Gabe Ruepke, forever age 21)
James & Jennifer Ebert of KS (Jayson Patrick Ebert, forever age 21)
Cindy Sigeers of TN (Hunter Sigeers, forever age 21)
Maya of FL (Charles Pineda, forever age 21)
Gia Mehlos of NV (Cody Christopher Mehlos, forever age 21)
Christine Berthume of MI (Jordan Joyner, forever age 21)
Kristine Mandelke of WI (Jonathan, forever age 22)
Kinyoun & Tricia Buford of MO (Braden Buford, forever age 22)
James Powell of LA (Allie Higdon, forever age 22)
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