September 16, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Brett Guthrie
Chairman
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
H-154, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
Ranking Member
2323 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson, Minority Leader Jeffries, Chairman Guthrie and Ranking Member Pallone,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations dedicated to improving the mental health and wellbeing of our nation's children and youth, we write to underscore the importance of passing a strong child online safety law by the end of this year.

Last month, Meta agreed to pay up to $17.1 billion to settle claims brought by a bipartisan coalition of state attorneys general alleging that it deliberately designed its platforms to addict children and misled the public about their safety. The settlement was borne out of several years of advocacy and persistence from survivor parents, young people, advocacy organizations and elected officials. However, this seminal moment is not the final moment of accountability for Meta or for the other social media companies whose products continue to put children, youth and families at risk.

While significant, this settlement does not eliminate the need for comprehensive federal protections for children and teens across the digital landscape. Its protections extend only to one company, for a limited period of time, under terms that company helped negotiate. Remarkably, in announcing the settlement, a Meta official told reporters that legislation would have been the best answer to this issue, because a legislature can immediately bind every competitor to the same rules. We couldn't agree more.

We commend the U.S. House of Representatives for taking an important step to protect children and teens online by passing the *Kids Internet and Digital Safety (KIDS) Act* (H.R. 7757) earlier this year. Given the narrowing window of opportunity in this Congress, we urge you to work with your U.S. Senate colleagues and our organizations to negotiate the strongest possible child online safety bill and pass it into law by the end of the year because American families deserve better.

Sincerely,

National
Academy for Eating Disorders
Altus Solutions
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
American Psychological Association Services
ANEW Life International
Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD)
Bannister Consultancy
Better Screen Time
Breaking Generational Cycles
Bruderhof
Center for Online Safety
Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
Clinical Social Work Association
Consumer Action
Dance Awareness: No Child Exploited (DA:NCE)
Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action (EDC)
Equip
Erik's Cause
Fairplay
Family Voices National
General Federation of Women's Clubs
Grace McComas Memorial
Guided Purposes LLC
Inseparable
Joyful Heart Foundation
Justice Society, Inc.
Lynn's Warriors
MasterWord Services, Inc.
Matthew E. Minor Awareness Foundation
Mental Health America
National Alliance for Eating Disorders
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Social Workers
National Eating Disorders Association
Parents Who Fight
ParentsSOS
Paving the Way Foundation
Project STAND
REDC Consortium
Rights4Girls
SAVE - Suicide Awareness Voices of Education
Shared Hope International
Social Media Harms
Strategic Training Initiative for the Prevention of Eating Disorders
Talk More.Tech Less.
The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health
The Project HEAL
Up Against Eating Disorders
Youth Villages
WithAll

Alaska
Alaska Eating Disorders Alliance

Arizona
Arizona Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Ravenhawk Recovery LLC

California
California Chapter 1, American Academy of Pediatrics
Eating Disorders Resource Center
Jewish Family and Children's Services, San Francisco Bay Area
Orange County Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

Colorado
Colorado Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

District of Columbia
DC Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

Florida
Campaign Against Human Trafficking South Shore
Space Coast Human Trafficking Task Force
SWFL Coalition Against Human Trafficking
The McKenna Way

Georgia
The Emily Program, Eating Disorder Treatment Center, Atlanta

Idaho
Citizens for Decency

Idaho Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

Illinois
Buckets Over Bullying/Bronstein Family Foundation
Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

Iowa
Eating Disorder Coalition of Iowa
Iowa Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

Kansas
Kansas Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

Kentucky
Kentucky Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Kentucky Voices for Health

Maine
Maine Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

Maryland
Maryland Coalition Against Pornography

Massachusetts
Becca Schmill Foundation
Massachusetts Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

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Minnesota
The Emily Program, Eating Disorder Treatment Center, Minneapolis
The Emily Program, Eating Disorder Treatment Center, St. Louis Park
The Emily Program, Eating Disorder Treatment Center, St. Paul

Missouri
Megan Meier Foundation
Paradigm Shift Training and Consulting

Nebraska
Honesty Project

Nevada
Awaken INC
Nevada Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

New Mexico
New Mexico Pediatric Society

North Carolina
The Emily Program, Eating Disorder Treatment Center, Charlotte
The Emily Program, Eating Disorder Treatment Center, Douglas
The Emily Program, Eating Disorder Treatment Center, Duluth
The Emily Program, Eating Disorder Treatment Center, Durham
North Carolina Stop Human Trafficking
Shield North Carolina

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Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation
The Emily Program, Eating Disorder Treatment Center, Cleveland
The Emily Program, Eating Disorder Treatment Center, Columbus

Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
The Emily Program, Eating Disorder Treatment Center, Pittsburgh

South Dakota
Victus Counseling

Texas
David's Legacy Foundation
Lovely Village
Not On Our Watch Texas

Washington
The Emily Program, Eating Disorder Treatment Center, Seattle

The Emily Program, Eating Disorder Treatment Center, South Sound
The Emily Program, Eating Disorder Treatment Center, Spokane

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