September 14, 2026

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Thune and Minority Leader Schumer:

We write to you as a coalition of organizations dedicated to the protection of young people online, and on behalf of the survivor parents and families at the heart of this work.

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. This historic settlement exists because of the courage and persistence of 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 only extend to one company, for a limited period of time, under terms that company helped negotiate. The need for the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA) has never been more important.

In announcing the settlement, a company 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, and described the deal as designed to lead to basically the same place as KOSA. We agree that legislation is the answer. While this settlement represents an important step, clear and consistent federal standards remain the most effective way to protect young people online. Only legislation can ensure that all platforms are held to the same requirements and safeguards. It is time for the full Senate to act, to permanently protect our children online.

As you know, the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation reported KOSA out of committee last month with strong bipartisan support and 77 cosponsors. Given the narrowing window of opportunity in this Congress, we urge you to schedule a floor vote on KOSA upon the Senate's return this month.

On behalf of the undersigned organizations and the constituencies we serve across the nation, thank you for your leadership. We stand ready to assist you and your colleagues in any way we can.

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

Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD)

Bannister Consultancy

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

Institute for Families and Technology

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 Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE)

National Eating Disorders Association

Parents Who Fight

ParentsSOS

Paving the Way Foundation

Plan International

Project STAND

REDC Consortium

Rights4Girls

Sandy Hook Promise

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

WithAll

Youth Villages

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 (EDRC)

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

ANEW Life International

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

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Louisiana Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

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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

Montana

Yellowstone Human Trafficking Task Force

Nebraska

Honesty Project

Nevada

Awaken INC

Nevada Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

New Mexico

New Mexico Pediatric Society

North Carolina

North Carolina Stop Human Trafficking

Shield 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

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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

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The Emily Program, Eating Disorder Treatment Center, Seattle

The Emily Program, Eating Disorder Treatment Center, South Sound

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