

Thank you for considering my testimony today. I'm Steve Sydow from Ironton. I'm a retired city electrician and owner of SJS Electric. I've got four children, eleven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, so I've watched a lot of kids grow up over the years.

When I raised my kids, we knew who they were talking to on the phone because we had one phone in the kitchen. We knew what they were watching because we had one TV in the living room. Times have changed, and not all of it's been bad, but parents today are facing challenges we never had to deal with.

My grandkids have these phones that can do just about anything. They can talk to strangers across the world, see things that aren't fit for children, and their parents might not know about it until something goes wrong. That doesn't sit right with me.

SB 167 gives parents a fighting chance to keep up. When their kids try to download something, they get a simple notification. They can say yes or no. That's basic common sense, and I can't figure out why it's not already the law.

Some folks are pushing other ideas that sound complicated and would make parents jump through hoops on every device and platform. That's not going to work. Keep it simple so regular people can actually use it.

Ohio's future depends on getting this right. Please support SB 167.

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