

Good morning. My name is John Morrow from Liverpool Township. I previously served on Wellsville City Council and the Wellsville Board of Education, where I spent years focused on what helps young people succeed in our community.

I'm here to speak in favor of SB 167, the App Store Accountability Act.

During my time in public service, I learned that good policy should make it easier for people to do the right thing, not harder. SB 167 follows that principle by creating one simple hub where parents receive notification when their children attempt to download apps. Parents can approve or deny the download without navigating the patchwork of different systems and platforms.

From my experience working with families and schools, I understand that parents are already balancing work, household responsibilities, and everything that comes with raising children. They need tools that fit into that reality. This bill helps by using infrastructure that already exists at the app store level and simply adding a notification step.

The legislation also addresses an important privacy concern by centralizing age verification.

Rather than requiring children to provide personal information to countless individual apps and websites, their age is verified once at the app store. This reduces the number of places where sensitive family data could be compromised.

When I worked with the school board, we always asked whether new policies would help families or just add more paperwork. SB 167 helps families by giving them straightforward tools that actually work.

Support SB 167 and the practical solution it provides Ohio parents.

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