

Dear members of the Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology Committee:

I am a single mom and manager at the VA in Columbus. I'm here to support SB 167.

When you're raising kids on your own, you don't have a partner to split responsibilities with. I can't hand off bedtime while I research the latest app my daughter wants to download. I need solutions that work within real life.

What concerns me most right now is how much personal information kids are handing over online. Every app that asks for age verification is collecting data on my child. Every platform that requires a separate account means more companies have her information. That's not just inconvenient—it's dangerous.

SB 167 protects my daughter's privacy by keeping age verification in one place. The app store already knows her age. They already have the infrastructure. This bill simply requires them to use it before she downloads apps. That means fewer companies collecting her data and fewer places where that information could be compromised.

As a parent doing this alone, I also need something I can actually manage. One notification when she tries to download something. I approve it or I don't. I'm back in the conversation without drowning in settings across a dozen different platforms.

This bill respects both my time and my child's privacy. That's exactly what working parents need.

Thank you.

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