

Chairman, committee members, thank you for hearing testimony today.

My name is Rochelle Underhill, and I am a registered nurse at OSU Hospitals and mother of two children. I work twelve-hour shifts, and when I get home, I want to use that to enjoy quality time with my family. I don't want to use that time to learn a complicated technology systems to monitor what my kids are doing online.

In healthcare, we always aim to reduce points of failure. Every additional step in a process creates another opportunity for something to go wrong. The more complicated you make a system; the less likely people are to use it correctly or consistently.

That's why proposals requiring age verification across multiple platforms concern me. You're creating dozens of failure points where kids' personal data could be compromised or where parents simply won't keep up with all the different settings and requirements.

SB 167 takes the opposite approach. Parents get a clear moment to approve or deny an app download, and kids' information stays in one secure place instead of being scattered across countless companies.

This bill is preventive care for digital safety—catching potential problems before they become emergencies. It's straightforward, practical, and puts parents back in control.

Thank you. Please support SB 167.

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