

Chairman Wilson, Vice Chairman Lang, Ranking Member Craig and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity. I'm Sandi Radcliff from Athens, I'm a stepmom to two kids and real estate business owner alongside my husband.

Parenting in today's digital age when so much of a teen's social life happens on social media means balancing looking over their shoulder at their phone with trusting they will do the right thing online. It's hard for all of us to know exactly what to do, but parents know their kids best. Keeping kids safe online starts by bringing parents into the conversation.

That's exactly what SB 167 does. It's not about surveillance or control. It's about staying informed. When my stepkids want to download an app, I get a notification. We can have a conversation about it. I can approve or ask questions. It keeps communication open without putting up walls.

What worries me about some other safety proposals is how they'd require constant monitoring across multiple platforms and devices. That feels invasive and creates tension. Kids shut down when they feel micromanaged. This bill strikes a better balance.

The privacy piece matters too. Centralizing age verification at the app store means my stepkids aren't giving their personal information to every app and website out there. That just makes sense.

Polling shows that 72% of parents prefer one centralized approval system over managing separate platforms. That tells you something about what actually works in real families, not just on paper.

SB 167 respects both kids and parents. That's the kind of policy we need.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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