

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to speak with you today. My name is Dr. Brian Scheetz. I practice chiropractic care in Reynoldsburg and live in Gahanna with my wife and our two children.

Running a small healthcare practice has taught me the value of systems that are both effective and efficient. When you implement a new protocol in a medical office, it has to work consistently, or it doesn't work at all. The same principle applies to policies affecting families.

SB 167 creates a system that parents can actually use consistently. The notification happens at the moment of download, when parents are already engaged with their child's device activity. It requires one decision, and then it's done. There's no ongoing maintenance, no multiple logins to remember, no separate apps to monitor.

Some of the alternative approaches I've reviewed would scatter responsibilities across different platforms and devices, requiring parents to set up and maintain separate controls in multiple places. That level of complexity isn't sustainable for working families. Parents will start with good intentions, miss a few updates, and eventually the whole system breaks down.

This bill also addresses data security by limiting how many entities collect and store children's personal information. Every additional platform that requires age verification puts your family's information in another place where it might get hacked. Centralizing this process at the app store reduces that risk significantly.

SB 167 offers families a sustainable solution that respects both their time and their children's privacy.

I urge you to support this legislation. Thank you for your time.

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