

Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to testify today.

I'm here supporting SB 167, the App Store Accountability Act. This bill recognizes that parents need solutions that fit into real life, not ones that require a technology degree to implement.

Currently, my children could download any number of apps without my knowledge. Some of these apps collect personal information, some have messaging features that connect them with strangers, and some have content that simply isn't appropriate for their ages. As a parent, I should know when these apps are being added to their devices, but right now I'm flying blind until something goes wrong.

SB 167 changes that by giving me a notification before the download happens. My phone will tell me when one of my kids wants to download an app, and then I can evaluate the app and decide if it's appropriate. That's not asking for much. It's just asking for basic awareness and the ability to say yes or no.

The bill also protects my children's privacy by keeping their age information in one secure place rather than forcing them to share it with dozens of different companies.

This is practical legislation that respects both parents and children. Please pass SB 167.

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