

Chairman Wilson, Vice Chairman Lang, Ranking Member Craig and Members of the Senate Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology Committee,

Thank you for hearing my testimony. I'm Angeline McClain, a mother of three from Strongsville and a member of the Strongsville GOP.

As conservatives, we believe strongly in parental rights and family authority. Parents should be making decisions about their children's upbringing, not tech companies and not government agencies. SB 167, the App Store Accountability Act, restores that authority by giving parents a clear notification before apps are downloaded onto their children's devices.

This is about giving families the tools to exercise their own judgment. Right now, children can bypass any attempt at parental oversight simply by lying about their age when they download apps. That's unacceptable, and it leaves parents in the dark until real problems develop.

The polling on this issue is clear and compelling. Ohio Women Lead Right found that 80% of Ohio parents support the app store approach to parental approval, including 85% of Republican parents. When you see that level of agreement across the political spectrum, it's because the solution addresses a genuine need that families are experiencing.

SB 167 also protects children's privacy by centralizing age verification at the app store rather than forcing kids to hand over personal information to every app and website they encounter. That's simply good policy that limits unnecessary data collection.

This bill empowers parents without creating government overreach. It deserves your support. Thank you.

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