

## **Testimony on Senate Bill 175**

### **Proponent Testimony of Dr. Kareem Moncree-Moffett, PhD**

#### **Senate Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology Committee**

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Chair Wilson Vice Chair Lang, Ranking Member Craig, and members of the committee:

My name is Dr. Kareem Moncree-Moffett. I serve on the Cincinnati Board of Education and lead the Youth Lead Alliance, an organization that helps students use their voices to make a difference in their schools and communities. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Senate Bill 175

As someone who works closely with students and families], I know how important balance is. We can't cut young people off from technology, it's too essential to learning and opportunity, but we can expect it to be safer, more transparent, and more accountable. Senate Bill 175 does that by setting clear standards that protect kids while respecting parents' rights and privacy.

The bill requires app stores to flag when a user is a minor, without sharing their identity or specific age, so that the app can adjust accordingly. Those apps must include parental controls, get a parent's consent before showing mature content, and are banned from sending personalized ads to minors. It's practical and built with privacy in mind but also gives parents real oversight and ensures companies are part of the solution.

From my experience leading the Youth Lead Alliance, I'll add that students themselves want to be part of this conversation. They understand the risks, they see the impact on their peers, and they want adults to take their safety seriously. They also want their experiences to help shape the solutions. SB 175 moves in that direction. It treats online safety as a shared responsibility between families, companies, educators, and policymakers.

This legislation is an important step toward giving families the support they need and ensuring students can use technology safely and confidently. I urge the Committee to move this bill forward.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to Ohio's students and families.