

**Reverend Jeff Jemison**  
**Proponent Testimony on Senate Bill 175**  
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Chairman, Vice Chair, Ranking Member, and members of the Committee, thank you for allowing me to be here today. I appreciate the work you do for Ohio families and the seriousness with which you approach issues that affect our children.

I am Rev. Jeff Jemison, Pastor of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church of Fremont and President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Ohio. Every week, I meet parents who are doing their best to teach right from wrong and to build homes rooted in faith, but they're up against a digital world that doesn't share those same values. It's not that technology is bad in itself – it's that too often, it's built without any thought for the hearts and minds of our kids.

Senate Bill 175 gives parents back the tools and authority they need to guide their children's lives online. It requires parental consent before a child can access apps or features that may expose them to adult content, and it provides parents with meaningful controls over what their children see and do. The bill also protects children's privacy by preventing companies from using their personal data for advertising and by requiring filters and safeguards to block harmful material. In short, it helps restore the proper order where parents are the ones shaping their children's digital experiences.

What I appreciate most about this bill is that it treats families and businesses as partners, not enemies. It rewards those who act in good faith and invites cooperation to make technology safer for everyone. That's the kind of balance we should be aiming for, one where innovation doesn't come at the expense of children's wellbeing.

In my years of ministry, I've seen how quickly technology can shape the way a young person sees the world, and how hard it is for parents to keep up. SB 175 gives them a voice and some peace of mind. It helps restore the order that too often gets lost: where parents lead, and children are protected.

This bill is about responsibility, accountability, and faith in the family as the foundation of our communities. It's about protecting what is good and right for our children.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to share my support for this important legislation. May God bless your work and guide your decisions on behalf of the people of Ohio.