

# THE EARN IT ACT

PROTECT KIDS ONLINE. SUPPORT THE EARN IT ACT.

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Dear Members of Congress:

The undersigned organizations, including survivors of child exploitation and sex trafficking, endorse the EARN IT Act (Eliminating Abusive and Rampant Neglect of Interactive Technologies Act) of 2023 as an essential remedy to the rampant online circulation of child sexual abuse material (CSAM, legally referred to as child pornography).

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's (NCMEC) CyberTipline receives reports about multiple forms of online child sexual exploitation. CSAM comprises the largest reporting category. Over 99.5% of the reports received by the CyberTipline in 2022 involved incidents of suspected CSAM; there were 31.9 MILLION reports of child pornography in 2022, a 47% increase from 2020.<sup>1</sup> These are astronomical numbers—and they represent real children.

CSAM is documentation of a crime. Victims suffer gross physical and psychological harm at the hands of offenders and continue to suffer as their abuse is endlessly shared and circulated online. It is time to confront and restrict rampant sexual abuse occurring on digital platforms.

The EARN IT Act **repeals near blanket immunity** from liability enjoyed by interactive computer service, or digital, companies under judicial interpretations of Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act of 1996. **Victims will finally have access to justice** because EARN IT will allow them to use federal civil and state criminal and civil law to seek redress for harm suffered by digital negligence.

Despite federal law requiring that NCMEC be alerted regarding CSAM, some of the biggest tech giants ignore this obligation. Bottom line: content moderation resources will never be enough to eliminate the illegal and harmful activity facilitated by digital platforms. For this reason, Congress needs to instill protections that will keep our children and others from being exploited in exchange for advertising profits.

Finally, EARN IT **updates existing federal statutes to replace “child pornography” with “child sexual abuse material”** (CSAM). “Child pornography” undermines the seriousness of the abuse, while CSAM will accurately convey the type of content and remove the stigma and shame victims carry throughout life.

Big Tech's lobbyists insist the EARN IT Act undermines privacy, free speech, and human rights. On the contrary: EARN IT allows victims the possibility of restoring their privacy, recognizes CSAM as a serious crime, and protects the rights of children online. Liability is a bedrock principle in American law that should apply to digital platforms as it does to other marketplace actors.

We urge Congress to pass the EARN IT Act.

Sincerely,

**219 Organizations (Representing ALL 50 states + District of Columbia) & 65 Survivor Leaders**

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<sup>1</sup> National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, “CyberTipline 2022 Report,” <https://www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/cybertipline/cybertiplinedata>.

3Strands Global Foundation, California  
A Butterfly Gets Her Wings Back, LLC, Texas  
A Safe Place, North Carolina  
A&K Ranch Ministries, LLC, Florida  
Airline Ambassadors International, Minnesota  
All Girls Allowed, New Hampshire  
Alliance for Freedom, Restoration, and Justice, Inc. (AFRJ), Wyoming  
AL Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, Alabama  
American Family Association, Mississippi  
American Principles Project, Virginia  
Amirah, Inc., Massachusetts  
AncoraTN, Tennessee  
Apne Aap, New York  
Atlas Free, Washington  
Awaken, Inc., Nevada  
Awareness Is Prevention, Nevada  
Baillargeon Law Firm, Florida  
Banu Foundation, District of Columbia  
BCFS Health and Human Services, Texas  
Beloved Haven, Inc., North Carolina  
Better Screen Time, Oregon  
Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition, California  
Black Leaders Against Sex Trafficking, Ohio  
Bridge Network, California  
Bridging The Gap-Oregon, Oregon  
Burke County Children's Advocacy Center, North Carolina  
Call to Freedom, South Dakota  
Camille Place, Alabama  
Center for Justice & Reconciliation, California  
Center for Online Safety, Washington  
Chains Interrupted, Iowa  
Changing Destinies Ministry, North Carolina  
Chartered Waters Advocate Group, Florida  
CherishedLA, California  
Child Rescue Coalition, Florida  
CHILD USA, Pennsylvania  
Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois, Illinois  
Children's Advocacy Centers of Iowa, Iowa  
Children's Advocacy Centers of Kansas, Kansas  
Children's Advocacy Centers of North Carolina, North Carolina  
Children's Advocacy Centers of North Dakota, North Dakota  
Children's Advocacy Centers of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania  
Children's Advocacy Centers of Tennessee, Tennessee  
Children's Justice Fund, New York  
Child Trafficking Solutions Project, Alabama  
Citizens for Decency, Idaho  
Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, New York  
Colorado Children's Alliance, Colorado  
Compass 31, Colorado  
Covenant Eyes, Inc., Michigan

Covenant House International, New York (*with houses in AK, CA, DC, FL, GA, IL, LA, MD, MI, MO, NJ, NY, PA, and TX*)  
Culture Reframed, Massachusetts  
Dakota Children's Advocacy Center, North Dakota  
Dance Awareness: No Child Exploited, California  
Defend Young Minds, Washington  
Direct Access Counseling and Supportive Services, LLC, Florida  
ECPAT-USA, New York  
Educate and Empower Kids, New Mexico  
Enough Is Enough, Virginia  
Episcopal Diocese of New York Task Force Against Human Trafficking, New York  
EveryChild, Illinois  
Every Daughter, Wisconsin  
Every ONE Free, California  
Exodus Cry, California  
Family Resources of Rutherford County, North Carolina  
Flagstaff Initiative Against Trafficking, Arizona  
Foundation Ra & Protect Americas Daughters, California  
Fowler Davis 4 Change, Alabama  
Free NOLA, Inc., Louisiana  
Frontline Response, Georgia  
General Federation of Women's Clubs, District of Columbia  
GenerateHope, California  
Global Hope 365, California  
Grace Kitchen, Washington  
Guided Purposes, LLC, Connecticut  
Haven of Hope Children's Advocacy Center, North Carolina  
Help, Inc.: Center Against Violence, North Carolina  
HER Campaign, Montana  
Ho'ōla Nā Pua (New Life for Our Children), Hawaii  
Hope for Justice, Tennessee  
Hope Found of Northeast Arkansas, Arkansas  
Humans Against Trafficking, California  
I AM F.U.S.E, Inc., Florida  
Indiana Trafficking Victims Assistance Program, Indiana  
Institute for Shelter Care, Kentucky  
Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation at Villanova Law, Pennsylvania  
Jasmine Grace Outreach, New Hampshire  
Justice Defense Fund, Colorado  
Justice For All, District of Columbia  
Just Love Worldwide, Maine  
Kaleido, Colorado  
Kids First, Inc. Child Advocacy Center, North Carolina  
Kimberly Mull Advocacy & Consulting, Nevada  
Kingdom Forerunners, Alabama  
Lee County Homeless Coalition, Florida  
LifeWay Network, Inc., New York  
Light of Life NH, New Hampshire  
Lighthouse for Life, South Carolina  
Listen to Kids, Louisiana  
Living in Liberty, Pennsylvania

Love Never Fails, California  
Lynn's Warriors, New York  
Marsh Law Firm PLLC, New York  
Maryland Children's Alliance, Maryland  
Maryland Coalition Against Pornography, Maryland  
Mentari, New York  
MercyOne Siouland Child Advocacy Center, Iowa  
Missoula Human Trafficking Task Force, Montana  
Missouri KidsFirst, Missouri  
Mountain Child Advocacy Center, North Carolina  
Mujeres en Resistencia, New York  
My House (Matsu Youth Housing), Alaska  
My Life My Choice, Massachusetts  
National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, Virginia  
National Center on Sexual Exploitation, District of Columbia  
National Child Protection Task Force, Arkansas  
National Children's Alliance, District of Columbia  
National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College, Wisconsin  
National Organization for Women, District of Columbia  
NC Stop Human Trafficking, North Carolina  
Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers, Nebraska  
NE Catholic Daughters, Nebraska  
New Englanders Against Sexual Exploitation (NEASE), Vermont  
New Jersey Family Policy Center, New Jersey  
New Life Refuge Ministries, Texas  
New Mexico Children's Alliance, New Mexico  
NoMoreJohns, California  
North Dakota Family Alliance, North Dakota  
Northwest Survivor Alliance, Oregon  
No Trafficking Zone, Texas  
Nurses United Against Human Trafficking, Florida  
Oasis House, Ohio  
Office of Peace, Justice, and Ecological Integrity - Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, New Jersey  
One Fam Project - New Hope Foundation International, Nevada  
One More Child, Ohio  
Operation Underground Railroad, Utah  
OWNA Corp, Florida  
Papillon Z, Nevada  
Paradigm Shift Training and Consulting, Missouri  
Parents Against Child Sex Abuse/ KIDS TOO, Illinois  
Parents Who Fight, Tennessee  
Paving the Way Foundation, Florida  
PornFreeColorado, Colorado  
Pornography Is Not Education, Colorado  
Project STAND, Montana  
Protect Young Eyes, Michigan  
RAINN, District of Columbia  
Realized Potential, Inc., California  
Recover Hope, Inc., Virginia  
Redemption House of The Bay Area, California  
Reflective Spaces Ministry, Corp, Florida

Refuge City, Texas  
REHOPE, Missouri  
Rescue America, Colorado  
Rescuing Hope, Georgia  
Resiliency Foundation, Indiana  
Richland County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force, South Carolina  
Rights4Girls, District of Columbia  
Rivers of Justice, South Carolina  
Safe House Project, Virginia  
Safelight, Inc., North Carolina  
Safety Compass, Oregon  
S.a.M. Child Advocacy Center, North Carolina  
Sanctuary for Families, New York  
Selah Freedom, Florida  
S.H.A.D.E Movement, California  
Shared Hope Institute for Justice & Advocacy, District of Columbia  
She Has A Name, Ohio  
She's Somebody's Daughter, Pennsylvania  
SheWhoDares Consulting, LLC, West Virginia  
Short Creek Dream Center, Arizona  
Sierra Cares Foundation, Colorado  
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership, Kentucky  
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Western Province Leadership, Kentucky  
SOAAR Global, Washington  
South Carolina Legislative Roundtable, South Carolina  
Southwest Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking, Florida  
Sowers Education Group, California  
Sparrow Place, Pennsylvania  
Street Grace, Georgia  
Survivors for Solutions, Colorado  
Terrie Hess Child Advocacy Center, North Carolina  
The Avery Center, Colorado  
The Bridge International, North Carolina  
The Carly Ryan Foundation, Texas  
theDarlingPrincess, New Hampshire  
The Foundation United, Florida  
The Genesis Project, Arkansas  
The Habu Law Firm, P.A., Florida  
The Jensen Project, Texas  
The Red Cord, Oklahoma  
The Stop Trafficking Project®, Kansas  
The Woolf Group, Virginia  
The Worthy Ranch, Montana  
Thistle Farms, Tennessee  
Thriving in Freedom, California  
Together With Love, Rhode Island  
Traffick Refuge, Montana  
Trafficking Justice, Minnesota  
Unbound Now, Texas  
United Rescue Alliance, Texas  
Uprising, Wyoming

USCSAHT, Montana  
Utah PTA, Utah  
Walk Her Home, Pennsylvania  
Washington Trafficking Prevention, Washington  
We Stand Guard LLC, North Carolina  
Wealth Management Ministries-Prevention Works Joint Task Force & Coalition, Virginia  
West Virginia Child Advocacy Network, West Virginia  
Wired Human, Tennessee  
Women's Equal Justice, New York  
World Without Exploitation, Florida  
worthy2 (worthy squared), Alabama  
WUNRN-Women's UN Report Network, Minnesota  
Xquisite, Nevada  
YCA Human Trafficking Task Force, Montana  
Youth Power Project, Texas  
youthSpark, Georgia  
Zoe Ministries, Delaware

### **Survivor Leaders of Sexual Exploitation**

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Rachel Thomas, California  
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Autumn Burris, Colorado  
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KP LoveJoy, Colorado  
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Kasey Dalke, Kansas  
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