

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 2020.¹ 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,

201 Organizations (Representing ALL 50 states + District of Columbia) & 59 Survivor Leaders

¹ 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
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
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 Dakota, North Dakota
Children's Advocacy Centers of Tennessee, Tennessee
Children's Justice Fund, New York
Citizens for Decency, Idaho
Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, New York
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
Free NOLA, Inc., Louisiana
Frontline Response, Georgia
General Federation of Women's Clubs, District of Columbia
GenerateHope, California
Global Hope 365, California
Guided Purposes, LLC, Connecticut
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
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
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
New Englanders Against Sexual Exploitation (NEASE), Vermont
New Jersey Family Policy Center, New Jersey
New Life Refuge Ministries, Texas
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
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 Haba 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
Uprising, Wyoming
USCSAHT, Montana
Utah PTA, Utah
Walk Her Home, Pennsylvania
Washington Trafficking Prevention, Washington
Wealth Management Ministries-Prevention Works Joint Task Force & Coalition, 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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Staci Yates, Alaska
Amy Engle, Arizona
Kathy Bryan, Arizona
Elizabeth Quiroz, California
Kate Wedell, California
Lisa Diaz-McQuaid, California
Peggy Delgado Fava, California
Rachel Thomas, California
Sarai S-Mazareigos, California
Susan Munsey, California
Uldouz Wallace, California
Autumn Burris, Colorado
Jennisue Jessen, Colorado
Jenny Footle, Colorado
Kelly Dore, Colorado
KP LoveJoy, Colorado
Laura Moussakhani, Florida
Molly Skye Brown, Florida
Monica Nagy, Florida
Tammy Toney-Butler, Florida
Teresa Helm, Florida
Genevieve Meyer, Indiana
Kasey Dalke, Kansas
Jeanette Westbrook, Kentucky
Michelle Scandurro, Louisiana
Tricia Grant, Maine
Mary Speta, Massachusetts
Tara Wallace, Missouri
Nancy Dodd, Montana
Stephanie Anderson, Montana
Eileen Martinez, Nevada
Kayla Smith, Nevada
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Adrienne Livingston, Oregon
Jay Benke, Oregon
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Susan Ingram, Pennsylvania
Robin Levasseur, Rhode Island
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Jennifer Goode, South Carolina

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Jacquelyn Aluotto, Texas
Victoria Galy, Tennessee
Castanita Fitzpatrick, Texas
Anastasia Sprout, Washington
Kyra Abrahamson, Washington
Angie Conn, West Virginia
Charlie Falkis, Wyoming