February 2, 2022

The Hon. Richard Durban, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Hon. Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member
Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Hon. Jerrold Nadler, Chair
House Judiciary Committee
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Jim Jordan, Ranking Member
House Judiciary Committee
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Durbin, Chairman Nadler, Ranking Member Grassley and Ranking Member Jordan:

The undersigned organizations, including survivors of child exploitation and sex trafficking, support passage of the EARN IT Act (Eliminating Abusive and Rampant Neglect of Interactive Technologies Act) of 2022; 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 the Communications Decency Act of 1996, section 230. Finally, platforms will be held accountable for the harmful content they monetize through advertising. 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.

The population impacted by lack of accountability from Big Tech goes beyond the advocates and organizations that have signed this letter. We know scores of individuals, and parents of children, who have had sexually explicit videos and photographs illegally posted online, without the victim’s consent, including child sexual abuse material (CSAM, also known as child pornography). Additionally, some social media platforms serve as hubs for criminal activity. Even with the tools provided for good citizens to report concerning material and activity on these digital platforms, they ignore requests even when presented with evidence that the subject is a minor.

Further: despite federal law requiring that the National Center on Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) be alerted regarding CSAM, some of the biggest tech giants ignore this obligation. Bottom line: their content moderation resources will never be enough to eliminate the illegal and harmful activity that is facilitated across Big Tech. For this reason, more is needed from our government to instill protections that will keep our children and others from being exploited in exchange for advertising profits.
To that end, the EARN IT Act would establish a new National Commission on Online Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention. Change in online technology is so rapid and so potentially harmful to children, the U.S. needs such an independent body of experts. The commission will recommend best practices related to identifying and reporting online child sexual exploitation as well as ways to prevent predatory grooming and sex trafficking. It will help parents and schools do a better job of shielding children from damaging online content, while providing guidance to private industry regarding filters and age gating.

We urge you to convey the urgency of this legislation to Congressional leadership by marking up the bill as soon as possible.

Despite what Big Tech’s legion of lobbyists will tell you: EARN IT Act does not undermine privacy initiatives or free speech or human rights. Since Big Tech can’t defend child sexual abuse material, it invents specious arguments against this bill. This 2022 version of the bill clearly states it does not undermine encryption. Rather, it is a necessary, surgical reform to CDA 230 in order to prevent criminality with lifelong negative consequences on innocent victims.

Sincerely,

**STATE** | **ORGANIZATION (Bold = National Org; Yellow= Survivor Leadership)**
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Alabama | Camille Place
AL | Child Trafficking Solutions Project
AL | Kingdom Forerunners
AL | Rescue Innocence Movement
AL | **Worthy2**
Alaska | Mat-Su Youth Housing (My House)
Arizona | Dream Center
AZ | Life Link Church
Arkansas | Into the Light
AR | National Child Protection Task Force
California | 3Strands Global Foundation
CA | **Alliance for HOPE International**
CA | Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition
CA | Bridge Network
CA | DA:NCE (dance awareness: no child exploited)
CA | **Exodus Cry**
CA | Frederick Douglass Foundation of California
CA | Global Hope 365
CA | **Humans Against Trafficking**
CA | Journey Out
CA | Love Never Fails
CA | **Parents Television and Media Council**
CA | **Prostitution Research and Education**
CA | Realized Potential, Inc.
CA | Resilient Souls, Inc.
CA
S.H.A.D.E Movement
Sowers Education Group
The Well Path
Women’s Center Youth & Family Services

CA & FL
No More Johns

Colorado
The Avery Center
Beautiful Feet Wellness
Compass 31
Justice Defense Fund
Porn Free Colorado
Pornography Is Not Education
Sierra Cares Foundation
Survivors for Solutions
Truckers Against Trafficking
SPACE International (Survivors of Prostitution Abuse Calling for Enlightenment)

Connecticut
The Center for Family Justice
New Englanders Against Sexual Exploitation, CT Chapter
School Sisters of Notre Dame Atlantic Midwest Province
Traffick Jam Live
The Underground New England

Delaware
Zoe Ministries

District of Columbia
Adorers of the Blood of Christ
Healing Communities USA
Innocents at Risk
Justice for All
National Center on Sexual Exploitation
National Children’s Alliance
National Organization for Women
RAINN
Rights4Girls
Stop Child Predators

Florida
A&K Ranch Ministries, LLC
ANEW Life International, Inc.
Bridging Freedom
Charted Waters Advocacy Group
Child Rescue Coalition
Direct Access Counseling and Supportive Services, LLC.
Hendry County Sheriff’s Office
The Human Trafficking Foundation
Into the Jordan Ministries
Justice Restoration Center
One More Child
Path2Freedom
Paving the Way Foundation
Reflective Spaces Ministry
Southwest Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking
The Speak Out Project
U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking (USIAHT)
Victims2Survivors-US
World For Good
The Foundation United
World Without Exploitation
BeLoved Atlanta
Faithful Love
Frontline Response/Out of Darkness
Street Grace
Hoʻōla Nā Pua (New Life for Our Children)
Citizens for Decency
The Joint Global Task Force on Doxxing & Cyber-Sexual Terrorism
Kerengende Foundation
Parents Against Child Sex Abuse (P.A.X.A.)
Rahab’s Daughters
Alliance of Leadership and Innovation for Victims of Exploitation (ALIVE)
Resiliency Foundation
Chains Interrupted
Tri-State Coalition Against Human Trafficking and Slavery
The Stop Trafficking Project
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership
Free NOLA, Inc.
If Only 1
Just Love Worldwide
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces
Eastern Shore Human Trafficking Task Force
Leadership Conference of Women Religious
Maryland Coalition Against Pornography
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
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**Pennsylvania**
- Bloom for Women
- Villanova Law Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation
- Dawn's Place
- Living in Liberty
- She's Somebody's Daughter
- Walk Her Home

**Rhode Island**
- Together with Love

**South Carolina**
- Charleston Christian University (CSU) Anti-Trafficking Club
- Doors to Freedom
- The Formation Club
- The Fraternal Order of Police #3
- Holy Cross Church. Sullivan’s Island
- Lighthouse for Life
- Lincoln Tubman Foundation
- Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)
- OUR Treasure
- Rivers of Justice
- South Carolina Legislative Roundtable
- Switch
- Tri-County Human trafficking Task Force

**South Dakota**
- Call to Freedom
- Project 8
- Treasured Lives

**Tennessee**
- End Slavery Tennessee
- Freedom Forever
- Girls Against Porn and Human Trafficking
- Loves Arm
- Men Against Porn
- National Decency Coalition
- Wired Human

**Texas**
- Arrow Child and Family Ministries
- The Carly Ryan Foundation
- Crime Stoppers of Houston
TX  Exploitation 2 Empowerment
TX  El Paso CARES (EPCARES)
TX  Justice Society
TX  Learn To Protect Kids
TX  Phalynx Professional Consulting
TX  Rebecca Bender Initiatives
TX  Refuge City
TX  Traffick911
TX  Valiant Hearts
Utah  Operation Underground Railroad
UT  Star Guides Wilderness
UT  Traffick Refuge
Vermont  New Englanders Against Sexual Exploitation (NEASE), VT Chapter
Virginia  American Principles Project
VA  Anti-Trafficking International
VA  Enough Is Enough
VA  Freedom 4/24
VA  National District Attorneys Association
VA  Recover Hope, Inc.
VA  Prevention Works Joint Task Force and Coalition
VA  Safe House Project
VA  Wealth Management Ministries
Washington  Defend Young Minds
WA  The EPIK Project
WA  The iSeeYou Initiative
WA  Recontext Media
WA  Washington Trafficking Prevention
WA & DC  Shared Hope International
WA & TX  Rescue Freedom international
West Virginia  SheWhoDares Consulting, LLC
Wisconsin  The LOVE>hate Project
WI  Washington County Anti-Trafficking Advocates
WI  Clarity Clinic of SW Wisconsin
WI  Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa
Wyoming  Uprising

Summary
50 states + DC
258 organizations; 62 Survivor led/Survivor leadership in management; 62 national organizations