

ATTN: Secretary of Commerce, Howard Lutnick

I am writing in regards to the new Executive Order, [“Ensuring a National Policy Framework for Artificial Intelligence.”](#)

I am aware that the Secretary of Commerce l has been tasked with evaluating state laws on artificial intelligence, to determine whether or not they are “overly burdensome.” As the term “overly burdensome” is undefined, I am concerned that **crucial laws protecting children from serious harms, or even death,** may be swept in.

AI is already being weaponized to exploit children online in horrifying ways:

- [Several children have died by suicide](#) after being **groomed and sexually abused by AI chatbots**
- [AI “nudifying apps” continue to appear in ads on social media](#)—deepfake apps that **strip clothes off real photos**, often targeting women and minors.
- Schools across the country are facing [AI-generated pornography and deepfakes of students](#), fueling bullying, blackmail, psychological harm, and the creation of child sexual abuse material.
- Experts warn [traffickers are exploring AI tools to groom, manipulate, and sextort minors at scale](#), making prosecution and detection even more difficult.

It is *not* overly burdensome to require AI companies to protect children from these harms.

**AI companies do not need data from the sexual exploitation of children in order to innovate and develop their models.**

In your evaluation of state AI laws, I urge you not to find that laws on child online safety are overly burdensome. The lives of America’s children depend on it.

Sincerely,