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November 6, 2019
GOLD ROOM, 2168 RAYBURN  |  2:00-4:00 PM

2:00 pm: Doors open & desserts/fruit served
2:15-4:00 pm: Program

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In the digital age, child safety and wellbeing are often an afterthought behind the goals of technological advancement and profits. Corporate and governmental policies regarding social media platforms, apps, Internet-connected devices like phones and tablets, and centralized DNS encryption (as planned by Google and Mozilla) are systematically slow to recognize their impact on predatory access and grooming of children for sexual abuse, childhood pornography exposure, sex trafficking, and traffic in child sexual abuse images and videos.

It is vital that technology policy is shaped with these considerations in mind.
Countless children are being groomed for sexual abuse and sex trafficking on social media platforms and apps, often through direct messages, video calls, and livestreaming. Looming DNS encryption updates are poised to harm the ability of organizations and law enforcement to remove web pages showing the sexual abuse of children, of law enforcement to identify predators and investigate child sex crimes, of families to adequately filter child pornography out of their homes.

Apps are currently self-rated with no accountability to account for the unique criteria that could increase risk factors for sexual abuse or exposure to pornography, and so many parents are unaware of the risks associated with different apps used by their children. Further, there are no industry standards for age-based default filtering. The majority of children are being exposed to hardcore pornography at young ages, putting them at increased risk of public health harms to neurological and relational development.