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Dear Senator Mike Lee and Representative John James,

We, the undersigned coalition of child advocacy organizations, thank you for reintroducing the App Store Accountability Act. This crucial legislation is a significant step toward ensuring transparency, accountability, and parental authority over children's online experiences. As you know, this legislation is gaining momentum in several states, and we appreciate your efforts championing this bill at the federal level.

Thank you for helping to hold app stores accountable by requiring them to do their part to keep minors safer online. For too long app stores have operated as gatekeepers to the digital world with little accountability, allowing children to download apps and agree to complex contracts without their parents ever knowing. These agreements often give apps sweeping access to kids' personal data – photos, contact lists, exact locations, even microphones, and cameras – without meaningful safeguards or their parents' knowledge. If this were happening in any other industry, it would be unthinkable.

Thank you for listening to the parents in your states and others across the country who have voiced concerns about how difficult to protect children from dangers online. Even the most involved parents can't keep up with the sheer number of apps their kids are using. On average, children have 40 different apps on their phones, each with its own risks, privacy policies, settings, and data collection practices. It's not that parents aren't paying attention – it's that the system isn't built to keep them informed.

The App Store Accountability Act would ensure parents have accurate information so they can make informed decisions about what is – or is not – appropriate for their children. Right now, the age ratings in app stores are misleading, inconsistent, and lack accountability. Parents assume these ratings are accurate, but in reality, they can't be trusted. The App Store Accountability Act will change this, ensuring parents see accurate age ratings when deciding to allow an app download.

For too long, parents have been expected to do the impossible – monitor every app, every update, every risk – while app stores profit off their kids. Thanks to your efforts to reintroduce the App Store Accountability Act, parents nationwide will hopefully soon have final say over the online lives of their children.

We, the undersigned groups, commend you for your unwavering support of this legislation. Our coalition stands ready to assist in any way possible to ensure the App Store Accountability Act becomes law. This is a pivotal opportunity to hold app stores accountable and prioritize the safety of our children.

Sincerely,

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Alaska Family Council
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Allies Against Slavery
American Principles Project
American Youth Association
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Better Tech Project
Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition
Black Americans United for Tennessee
Bowman Therapeutics
Breaking Generational Cycles
Center for Christian Virtue
Center for Innovation and Free Enterprise
Chains Interrupted
Children at Risk
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Kingdom Forerunners
Latinos for Tennessee

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Moms for Liberty (National)
Moms for Liberty Iowa
Moms for Liberty Madison County Chapter (AL)
Moms for Liberty Maricopa County Chapter (AZ)
More Too Life
National Association of Christian Lawmakers
NC Stop Human Trafficking
Nebraska Family Alliance
No Trafficking Zone
Not On our Watch Texas
Nurses United Against Human Trafficking
Operation Parent
Palmetto Family Council
Parents Who Fight
Paving the Way Foundation
Pennsylvania Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics
Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance
Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky
Project STAND
Protect Young Eyes
Refuge for Women Chicago
Rest Stop Ministries
Restore the Child, PLLC
Revelation & Restoration Music & Drama
Runaway Girl
Scarlet Road
Scrolling 2 Death
Skull Games
Society for the Improvement of Rural People (SIRP)
South Dakota Family Voice
Street Grace
Survivor Leader Network of San Diego
Texas Public Policy Foundation
Texas Youth Foundation
The Hope Foundation
The Institute for Family Studies
The Stop Trafficking Project®
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Tin Man Ministries
Traffick911
Trafficking in America Task Force
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Utah Eagle Forum
Utah Parents United
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Wisconsin Faith & Freedom Coalition
Wisconsin Family Action
Yellowstone Human Trafficking Task Force
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