

Dear Chair Griffith and Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Maryland Age Appropriate Design Code - SB 844 (Senators Kramer and West).

I'm a dad to two young kids and am very concerned about the increasing influence the tech industry has over our kids. As our kids and their friends get older, I know technology will be even more central to their school, family, personal, and leisure time with peers. I do believe technology companies can meet the needs of parents and kids while also protecting our privacy and not subjecting children to online bullying, harmful ads, and an invasion of their safety and privacy.

Maryland has the opportunity to lead the nation in protecting our children online and prioritizing well-being over profit, childhood over exploitation. We call on Maryland lawmakers to put children's interests ahead of those of the tech industry by supporting the Age Appropriate Design Code.

Sincerely,

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