



**MARYLAND**  
Chamber of Commerce

## **LEGISLATIVE POSITION**

**Letter of Information**

**Senate Bill 844**

**Consumer Protection – Online Products and Services – Children’s Data**

**Senate Finance Committee**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

Dear Chairwoman Griffith and Members of the Committee:

Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce is the leading voice for business in Maryland. We are a statewide coalition of more than 6,400 members and federated partners working to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic growth and recovery for Maryland businesses, employees, and families.

Senate Bill 844 creates a new framework for safeguarding the online privacy of children. As Maryland considers legislation addressing the important issue of ensuring a safe environment for children online, we encourage the committee to consider the suit currently filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California which has been brought against California’s new California Age-Appropriate Design Code Act, scheduled to go into effect in 2024. The trade association filing suit asked for preliminary injunctive relief on December 14, 2022. This and other pleadings are attached.

Finally, the Age-Appropriate Design Code Act does not have the proper exemption language for broadband. We urge the committee to include broadband on page 6 as an exemption for an online product.

The Maryland Chamber of Commerce is recognizing the importance of the current suit as SB 844 is patterned after the recently passed California law being challenged.

The Maryland Chamber of Commerce appreciates your consideration of these comments on SB 844.

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