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**TO:** The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Chair  
Finance Committee

**FROM:** Hanna Abrams, Assistant Attorney General

**RE:** Senate Bill 602 – Algorithmic Addiction Fund – Establishment  
SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

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The Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General supports Senate Bill 602 (“SB 602”), sponsored by Senator Hester, with amendment. Senate Bill 602 establishes a fund that will direct civil penalties recovered from enforcement efforts targeted at protecting children from social media harms toward programs to improve the mental health of children and the prevention of algorithmic addiction. However, the Division requests that the language on page 3, lines 1 through 6, expressly state that the money available for the Fund does not include money collected for restitution or the costs of investigation and prosecution.

Additionally, in conjunction with SB 602, the General Assembly is considering a bill to establish an Office of the Attorney General Enforcement Recovery Fund (House Bill 705) to receive monies collected from the Office’s enforcement efforts. The Enforcement Recovery Fund is being established to support the activities of the office including enforcement, investigation costs, and public education efforts and will be statutorily capped at \$7.5 million. We ask that the Algorithmic Addiction Fund established by SB 602 be supported by monies collected in accordance with the criteria set forth in the bill only after the Office has collected the statutory maximum established by the Enforcement Recovery Fund and the costs of enforcement have been reimbursed.

We urge the Senate Finance Committee to issue a favorable report on SB 602 with the amendments discussed.

**cc:** Senator Katie Fry Hester  
Members, Finance Committee