



Kids Code Coalition

PRIORITIZING THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF YOUNG PEOPLE ONLINE

March 25, 2025

Attorney General Anthony G. Brown
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Dear Attorney General Brown:

As parents whose children have been affected by the harms of unregulated social media, we write in regards to your office's lack of action to date in publicly enforcing and defending desperately-needed online protections for kids and teens in Maryland.

Our families have experienced the pain caused by the lack of oversight and accountability for online products that the Maryland Kids Code sought to fix. Now, we are concerned that kids and families will still be left waiting and remain at risk.

On May 9, 2024, we were proud to stand behind Governor Wes Moore when he signed the Maryland Kids Code (HB 603/SB 571) into law after it received unanimous votes in both the House and Senate. We made history passing this legislation to provide safety-by-design and privacy-by-default protections for the almost 1.4 million kids and teens in our state, and on October 1, 2024, we celebrated as this landmark legislation started to go into effect.

We were outraged when NetChoice, the trade association representing the biggest tech companies including Meta, Google, Amazon and Snap, filed a lawsuit last month to stop the Maryland Kids Code – even after Meta, the owner of Facebook and Instagram, promised not to support a lawsuit.

Since NetChoice's filing, we have not seen public comment in response from your office. Please make it clear that you will fight these legal intimidation tactics from Big Tech and stand alongside Maryland parents, kids and families. We applaud your office's recent action [against RealPage](#) and expect similar resources from your office will be devoted to other urgent tech harms, none of which is more pressing than the endangerment of our children.

We would also like to partner with you in making sure the Kids Code is vigorously enforced so it can make the difference we fought so hard for and spare other families the unthinkable pain that ours have faced. This is the vision we all fought for, and it's time to make it a reality.

We are confident that the safety and privacy of kids online is a top priority for you, as it is for parents and families across our state. The Maryland Kids Code can be a beacon for kids' safety efforts here in the Free State and across the country. You have the power and the responsibility to help lead the way.

Given the pressing nature of this concern and the fact that public comment is overdue, we request a timely response from you within the next week.

Signed,

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