To the members of the Vermont Senate:

I am writing to reiterate Front Porch Forum's strong support for <u>the Vermont</u> <u>Kids Code (S.69)</u>.

It has come to our attention that Big Tech lobbyists are spreading misinformation about our position on this bill. To be very clear: **Front Porch Forum strongly supports both the letter and intent of the Vermont Kids Code, and urges the Vermont legislature to pass it** (and the governor to sign it).

The list of harms that Big Tech companies have perpetrated against children is long, and the lengths they have gone to deny those harms, deflect responsibility for them, and delay any meaningful action is appalling. Vermont has an opportunity to be a leader in requiring that such companies take meaningful and effective action to make their services less harmful to children's social, mental, and physical well-being.

As a family-owned Vermont Public Benefit Corporation, Front Porch Forum already practices the principles underlying the Vermont Kids Code. And, we apply those principles to all of our members, not just to people under 18. Big Tech should do the same.

Thank you for your consideration on this important legislation. Please pass it without delay.

Sincerely,

Michael Wood-Lewis, Co-Founder & CEO Front Porch Forum