



From Awareness to Action: Prevent Human Trafficking

Pass the Kids Online Safety Act of 2025 (S.1748)

The Alliance to End Human Trafficking (AEHT) and the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd (NAC) know that preventing human trafficking requires federal assistance for prevention programs, survivor supports, and keeping children safe online from grooming, exploitation, and abuse.

We are faith-based organizations; women religious, Catholic lay leaders, and others who are committed to advocating for the dignity and care of all individuals, with particular concern for children who are vulnerable online and at great risk of exploitation and trafficking.

We call on the Senate to take up and pass the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA) ([S. 1748](#)).

Online spaces offer opportunities but tremendous risks for our nation's youth. In today's world, children are introduced to devices as early as pre-school for learning and entertainment. This generation of children is growing up with not only access to the internet and a variety of platforms and applications, but to technological environments where anyone in the world can reach out to them. Another reality is that most of us know very little about the "behind the scenes" operations of technological platforms – from the data they scrape and collect about us, to the content they direct to us, and the people with whom they put us in contact. Children must use technology for school and learning, to make social connections, and other valuable purposes, but the

technology opens children to nefarious actors who want nothing more than to exploit, mistreat, and traffic/sell them. That, too, is the reality.

KOSA would take the foundational step of requiring technology companies to take action to keep kids safe online. This bill would establish a "duty of care" (i.e., a legal concept that sets a standard for a person or an entity to act with reasonable care). The bill also provides parents and kids with tools for safeguards, and sets out requirements for notices and algorithms - "behind the scenes" programming methods that help a platform or application decide what content to display and direct to a user and in what order.

Human trafficking remains a crisis across our country and world. Children have committed suicide as a direct result of online exploitation. Traffickers profit from live streaming sex acts involving children across the globe. Children simply playing online games can have pedophiles directed to them, engage in conversation, and form relationships with them. Technology platforms have the tools to stop these horrors and KOSA is the legislative vehicle to accomplish that purpose.

We urge the Senate to take up and pass the Kids Online Safety Act ([S. 1748](#)). America's children need to be able to use online tools without fear of being trafficked. Technology companies can and should do more to protect children.