

Sen. Debbie Stabenow
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Washington, D.C. 20510-2204

Dear Senator Stabenow,

I am writing to urge you to help protect our children online, and strengthen the fight to end human trafficking.

Online child exploitation threatens the safety and well-being of our young people and destroys families and communities. In recent years, these abuses have increased exponentially, in large part due to the internet and mobile technology. Tech platforms, including Discord, Meta, Snapchat, TikTok, and X are knowingly facilitating the sexual exploitation of children online—which is what led to the Senate Judiciary Committee holding a hearing with Big Tech CEOs on January 31: *Big Tech and the Online Child Sexual Exploitation Crisis*.

Children across the country are victimized on social media platforms—the production of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) and the presence of sextortion cases in every state is on the rise. Adult predators are contacting and grooming children online at unprecedented rates. Congress **must** pass legislation, because Big Tech does not police itself. I urge you, as my elected representative, to take action to protect our children by supporting—or even co-sponsoring—the following:

- **EARN IT Act (S. 1207)** → Gives victims of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) a path to justice and a chance to restore their privacy; changes incentives facing Big Tech, which does little to prevent CSAM circulation.
- **Kids Online Safety Act (S. 1409)** → Establishes a duty of care on online platforms, requiring them to enable the strongest safety settings by default, providing safeguards and tools for minors and parents.
- **SHIELD Act (S. 412)** → Establishes a criminal offense to knowingly mail or distribute, or threaten to distribute an intimate visual depiction of an individual or minor without their consent and with malicious intent.
- **The STOP CSAM Act (S. 1199)** → Establishes a comprehensive approach to close gaps in the law and crack down on the proliferation of child sex abuse material online.

As we consider all the victims of human trafficking, I urge you to also support the:

- **Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act (H.R. 5856)** → Reauthorizes several programs that prevent trafficking in persons, which are managed by the Departments of Justice (DOJ), Health and Human Services (HHS), Homeland Security (DHS), and State, and the U.S. Agency for International Development over the 2024-2028 period.

Thank you for your commitment to the common good—and most especially for standing up to protect those most vulnerable and in need of our help.

Sincerely,

Sen. Gary Peters
Hart Senate Office Building
Suite 724
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