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Support for AB 2: Final Senate Vote for Youth Safety and Accountability

We represent a coalition of organizations advocating for the safety and well-being of children and teenagers in the digital age. Because of the work of families, advocates, and lawmakers across California, **AB 2 is now one final Senate vote away from passage. We write with a unified voice to urge you to vote YES on AB 2 before the legislative session ends.**

AB 2 would strengthen accountability when social media companies harm children by increasing the financial penalties available under California's existing negligence law. These heightened penalties apply only when a platform is found liable in court for injury to a minor. The bill does not create a new legal duty or change the underlying standard of negligence. It ensures that social media companies responsible for proven harm face meaningful consequences and have a stronger incentive to design and operate their platforms in a manner that is safe for minors.

There is mounting evidence, including internal company communications, that social media platforms contribute to the youth mental health crisis and other direct harms to children and teens, including access to fentanyl and other illegal drugs. As young people's use of social media continues to grow, the urgency for legislative action grows with it.

This is a critical moment. AB 2 has passed a key committee and now needs a final vote in the Senate. The technology industry is fighting aggressively to stop the bill, but California should not allow the liability these companies face when they negligently harm minors to merely be the cost of doing business. This bill would incentivize these companies to change their products so they do not injure children in the first place.

If enacted, AB 2 would be one of California's most significant steps yet toward protecting children online - by holding big tech accountable when they injure children. **We strongly urge you to vote YES on AB 2** and send it to Governor Newsom. Families across California are counting on you to ensure that social media companies operate with the care our children deserve.

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent request.

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