



October 22, 2026

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor, State of New York
NY State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Re: Request to Sign Three Critical Children's Online Safety Bills

Dear Governor Hochul,

We write to you today as New York residents, parents, grandparents, and as members of the Advisory Council of Common Sense Media. We care deeply about protecting New York kids from the harms of AI and social media and greatly appreciate your outstanding leadership on kids' safety online. Kids are safer because of the protections you have signed into law.

However, as online risks evolve, so must protections. We write today to urge you to sign three critical bills into law as passed: legislation prohibiting unsafe design features on AI chatbots for children (S.9051B/A.10379C), the 72-Hour Search Warrant Act (S8217B/A8022A), and a 5-year moratorium on AI toys (S.9408A/A.11144B). **Moreover, we respectfully request the opportunity to meet with you and your team to discuss these pressing matters.**

While each of these bills addresses vital issues facing children online, and we urge you to sign all three into law, **we believe S.9051/A.10379** is particularly timely given the growing national concern around AI safety, the absence of sufficient AI regulation, and the urgent need for safeguards to protect young people as AI becomes increasingly prevalent. Many AI chatbots utilize unsafe features that prioritize engagement over safety. Chatbots with unsafe features can encourage children to consider suicide, self-harm, and illegal activity, provide harmful "advice" that can be dangerous if followed, and manipulate children in crisis to isolate themselves from help. This has already caused real-world harm: Adam Raine is just one example. He was only 16 when he died by suicide after months of coaching from ChatGPT. It supplied him with suicide methods, helped him hide self-harm evidence from his family, and actively deterred him from seeking help. His mother, Maria Raine, was honored on the New York Senate floor in May for her advocacy, and she strongly supports S.9051/A.10379.



S.9051/A.10379 would establish the strongest protections in the nation for kids using AI by prohibiting AI chatbot operators from providing dangerous features to minors while empowering robust Attorney General rulemaking authority to ensure its safeguards remain evergreen.

We also urge you to sign two additional bills: S.8217B/A.8022A and S.9408A/A.11144B.

S.8217B/A.8022A would require large social media platforms to establish processes for timely communication and data sharing with law enforcement when served with a search warrant. This bill does not alter any existing legal standards; it simply requires platforms to comply promptly with existing court orders. This prevents bad actors from evading accountability, destroying evidence, and harming other children. This current gap contributed to the death of teenager Avery Ping when Snapchat stalled responding to a lawful warrant for a drug dealer's account. His New York grandfather, Martin Ping, has been a fierce advocate for this bill, as well as helping codify these protections in California and Colorado.

S.9408A/A.11144B would place a 5-year moratorium on the manufacture, exchange, distribution, and sale of AI chatbot toys aimed at children while initiating a state study into their potential risks to children's development.

As members of the Common Sense Media New York Advisory Council, we see the daily impact social media and AI have on our kids. New York families cannot wait any longer for these urgent new protections. We urge you to sign these three bills into law as quickly as possible, and, again, we look forward to the opportunity to meet with you and your team to share our perspective.

Thank you for your continued partnership and dedication to New York's kids and families.

Sincerely,

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