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Dear Governor Newsom,

We are writing to you as parents who have suffered the greatest loss a parent can endure. Our children's lives were cut short, and we know the role that unsafe and unregulated social media platforms and AI companions played in their struggles.

Parents RISE is a survivor parent-led movement uniting families to hold tech accountable and protect every child online. Together with fellow survivor parent advocates, we are determined to prevent other parents from facing the same heartbreak — and we are not giving up.

For too long, powerful companies have put profit over the safety of children. Social media platforms use addictive design features that exploit the developing minds of young people, while new AI technologies are being rolled out to kids without guardrails, testing, or accountability. Families are left to deal with the consequences, often with little or no warning about the risks.

AB 56 and AB 1064 are important steps to change this. AB 56 will require warning labels on social media platforms that use addictive features, giving parents and young people the information they deserve. AB 1064 will establish commonsense safeguards for AI chatbot companions, ensuring these tools cannot prey on the vulnerabilities of minors. Together, these measures can help reduce harm, save lives, and bring accountability to industries that have operated without it for too long.

We know that signing these bills will not bring our children back. But we also know that your leadership can help spare other families from this pain. California has a proud history of leading the nation in protecting public health. By signing AB 56 and AB 1064, you have the chance to once again show the country what it means to put children's wellbeing first.

We urge you to act, not only for the children we lost, but for every family in California who still has a chance to keep their kids safe.

Sincerely,

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