



The Empowerment Project

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH

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A Note from AG Lynn Fitch

Earlier this month, my office went to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals to defend the Walker Montgomery Protecting Children Online Act after Big Tech sued Mississippi to stop this commonsense law from taking effect. The law has a few key provisions that require social media platforms to do what any responsible company already would do: make commercially reasonable efforts to protect minors. That's it. Just reasonable efforts to lend a little help to parents who feel helpless to protect their children online.

Mississippi is also one of 42 states that have taken social media companies, like TikTok and Meta, to court. The evidence we have acquired through our investigation is staggering. The companies knew that they were causing harm to their minor consumers. Not only did they not address the harms, but they intentionally fed them increasingly addictive products. Our children were profit-making machines, and they were going to suck every dollar out of them, even if it left those children empty, hurting and damaged.

I will continue to stand up to Big Tech in order to protect our children and provide parents with the tools they need to keep their families safe. We have made a lot of progress, but the work to support families and provide them with the resources they need to flourish with this Empowerment Project agenda is only just beginning.

May God Bless You,

WHAT WE'RE READING



Attorney General Lynn Fitch: Taking on Big Tech for Our Kids

Children are suffering and parents are looking for answers. They are looking for help because they and their children are up against the best engineers who have created the most sophisticated algorithms for the richest technology companies. It is simply not a fair fight.



You can read my latest op-ed for the Clarion Ledger [here](#).

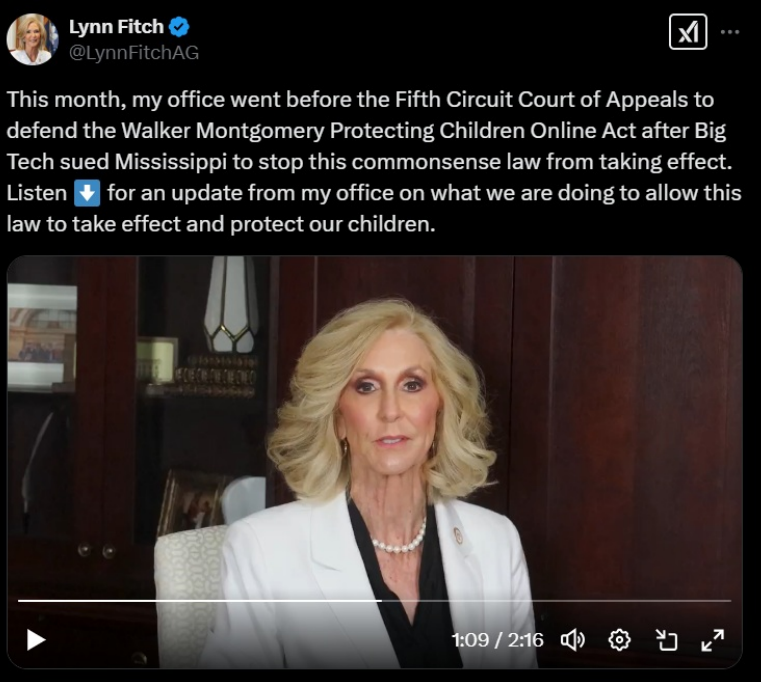
Magnolia Tribune: Advancing Mississippi Families: A call for paid leave legislation

When women are no longer burdened with the stress of choosing between a paycheck and caring for their loved ones, they can show up more fully for their families. It may seem like a small step, but this bill is monumental. It brings relief, even if only for a moment, and that moment can make all the difference.

Mississippi Today: Mississippi parents, owed \$1.7 billion in child support, could collect gambling winnings

Similar laws already exist in several other states, including bordering Louisiana. In the first nine years, the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services intercepted an average of nearly \$1 million a year from casinos, according to the National Child Support Engagement Association.

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Be sure to share this post and ask your followers to join us in standing up to Big Tech and providing parents with a voice in the fight to keep their children safe online.



ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH IN THE NEWS

WXXV: AG Fitch announces completion of Human Trafficking and Fentanyl Strike Force Operation on the MS Gulf Coast

“In this one operation, we seized enough fentanyl to kill 8,580 people,” **said Attorney General Fitch**. “But we only scratched the surface of the poison being peddled to our children. My team is committed to taking criminals who traffic people and drugs off the streets and to dismantling their illegal activities that exploit others for profit. We are grateful to our federal, state, and local law enforcement partners who worked with us on Operation Game Over and who are a part of our task force network, including the Human Trafficking Task Force and Fentanyl Strike Force.”

WLOX: Mississippi AG Lynn Fitch passes out fentanyl overdose kits to NWMCC students

AG Fitch was joined by local law enforcement and university officials for her “One Pill Can Kill” campaign, making students aware of the rise in fentanyl trafficking, and how fentanyl can be laced in other drugs. “Our law enforcement is key,” **says Fitch**. “They’re out there battling every day. They’re going after the criminal element. They’re trying to keep these drugs off the street because the intention is to get it out into our community.”

WJTV: 13 Mississippi organizations receive funds to help human

trafficking victims

“Few crimes rob a person of their humanity, power and dignity like human trafficking, but we do not have to let it steal their future,” **said Fitch**. “Mississippi is blessed with these 13 organizations committed to walking alongside these victims on their journey to find healing and restoration. Working together, we can put an end to the dangerous human trafficking enterprise.”

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