

AG Fitch Asks Congress to Oppose KIDS Act and Support Strong Online Protections for Children



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Lynn Fitch

(Jackson, Mississippi) Today, Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced that she and a bipartisan coalition of attorneys general wrote Congress in opposition to the Kids Internet and Digital Safety Act ("KIDS Act"), H.R. 7757, arguing the bill would weaken states' ability to protect children online while insulating Big Tech from accountability.

"Youth mental health is on the decline and predator online activity is on the rise. Our children's futures depend on our willingness to protect them in this digital era," **said Attorney General Lynn Fitch**. "Mississippi and other states are holding Big Tech accountable and by preempting state laws, the KIDS Act will set back all that good work and instead toe the line for Big Tech. I am proud to join my colleagues from across the country as we fight to protect children online."

The coalition warned the KIDS Act would broadly preempt state laws addressing online harms to minors, including social media harms, obscenity, social gaming platforms, and artificial intelligence chatbots. Attorney General Fitch emphasized that Congress should instead advance legislation that includes a meaningful duty of care requirement for online platforms.

The coalition expressed support for the Senate version of the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA), S. 1748, which includes a key Duty of Care provision requiring online platforms to act in the best interests of minors while preserving states' authority to enforce stronger protections for children and teens.

The letter comes as General Fitch as well as other attorneys general across the country continue investigations and litigation involving major social media platforms, including Meta and TikTok, over allegations that their platforms target and harm underage users.

Mississippi joins the Attorneys General of Connecticut, Hawaii, Ohio, Tennessee, Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. The letter is being sent to Congressional leadership, including Senate Majority Leader John Thune, Senate

Minority Leader Charles Schumer, House Speaker Mike Johnson, and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries.

You can read the letter [here](#).

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