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The Honorable Jim Jordan
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Laurel Lee
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Madeleine Dean
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Jerry Nadler
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Susie Lee
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Mariannette Miller-Meeks
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Jordan, Ranking Member Nadler, Representatives Laurel Lee, Susie Lee, Madeleine Dean, Mariannette Miller-Meeks and Members of the House Committee on the Judiciary:

As children's online safety continues to be a top priority for Congress, [Internet Works](#), and its member companies, want to reiterate our support for legislative solutions that tackle the complexity of keeping our kids safe when on the internet. We all share the same goal of ridding the internet of bad actors and helping victims find justice, and we appreciate the ongoing work the Congress and this committee are doing to achieve that goal.

Internet Works is glad to see the bipartisan Revisiting Existing Procedures On Reporting via Technology (REPORT) Act (H.R. 5082) being marked up in the House Judiciary Committee. The REPORT ACT was originally introduced by Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and Jon Ossoff (D-GA) and subsequently passed out of the Senate via unanimous consent in December 2023. We applaud Representative Laurel Lee (R-FL) for leading this effort in the House and this committee, and we urge the committee to pass the REPORT Act.

This bipartisan bill would extend the time online platforms retain content reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's (NCMEC) CyberTipline to one year, ensuring law enforcement has ample time to review and investigate a case. Additionally, it empowers victims and advocates to directly report instances of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) to NCMEC instead of waiting for platforms to report such content. Internet Works members are also supportive of requiring online platforms to report child sex trafficking and online enticement to NCMEC. Our members already report such content voluntarily but recognize the importance of requiring it by all platforms. Lastly, this bill recognizes the evolving technology landscape and implements some of it to aid in CSAM identification. Internet Works also supports the use of more modern technologies to store and transfer evidence that would allow law enforcement to digitize more of its processes and identify victims more easily, thus enabling survivors with more opportunities to seek reparations from offenders and abusers.

We are committed to keeping kids safe online and will work with Congress to achieve that shared goal. As an association of small and medium-sized technology companies, we urge Congress and this committee to look at practical, actionable solutions accessible to companies of all sizes. [As previously stated](#), we also urge

Congress to provide additional funding to NCMEC so the agency has the capacity to digest the increased amount of reviewable material platforms are obligated to provide.

We look forward to a continued conversation with Members on ways to protect children, support victims and hold offenders accountable, and we believe the REPORT Act is an important step in that direction.

Respectfully,

Internet Works