AMERICAN PRINCIPLES PROJECT

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The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Thune:

Last week's midterm election results were obviously a major disappointment for Republicans. They should also be a wake-up call – voters clearly feel that we are not delivering for them. While it would be easy to treat the remaining time in this Congress as simply a period to wrap up business, it is important to see it as the first opportunity to show voters that their voices were heard and that GOP leaders still stand with them.

We understand the many pressing concerns that weigh on your time and consideration, including the looming appropriations bills and FISA renewal, as well as judicial confirmations, but as organizations dedicated to defending the American family, we would ask you to consider bringing to the Floor the **SCREEN Act**, which passed the House earlier this year as part of the KIDS Act, and the **App Store Accountability Act**. Both bills prioritize protecting children from predatory technology and preserving parental rights. They also respond to the very real fears and frustrations many families feel right now when it comes to technology.

Age verification is extremely popular, and it is more important than ever to show the American people that Republicans take their concerns about kids' online safety seriously.

- **83% of Americans** support the passage of federal online age verification laws
- **27 states have passed laws like the SCREEN Act** to protect children from exposure to pornography online
- **4 states** have passed the App Store Accountability Act, with the bill **introduced in 20 others**
- **More than 90% of parents** worry about their children’s online safety, and more than half agree that politicians aren’t taking this issue seriously enough

Now is the time to put popular bills on the floor and set the record straight. Show the public that Republicans are on their side and that their families and children are a priority for our party. As

we saw in the Senate Commerce hearing for the SCREEN Act earlier this year, Democrats appear unlikely to support age verification as part of their own kids online safety package. So, let's make them vote on it now. Will they really vote to protect the porn companies? Will they really vote to empower Big Tech companies over parents?

There's an opportunity here to make this "lame duck" season both politically advantageous and productive. Bring one or both of these popular bills to the floor, and let's just see what happens – it's a true win-win. Democrats either give the Republican Senate one more final victory, or they declare on the record that they think allowing Big Tech and Big Porn to prey on children is totally acceptable.

Republicans have the ability right now to start paving their way back to the majority in 2028 if we merely have the courage and the will. Only you can lead the charge.

We, the undersigned, thank you for your leadership in the Senate, and we urge you to prioritize these bills in the coming weeks.

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