

Statements of Support for CHATBOT Act

3Strands Global Foundation: *“At 3Strands Global Foundation, we've spent years scaling evidence-based prevention education that teaches children to recognize manipulation and coercion in the real world. AI chatbots engineered for maximum engagement, unlimited memory, and emotional mimicry introduce those same risks at a scale no child can navigate alone, and no prevention curriculum can address without strong policy and industry partnership supporting it. The CHATBOT Act meets that reality head-on with parental consent, default-on protections, time and memory limits, and rigorous federal study of how these products shape young minds. We applaud Senators Cruz and Schatz for their bipartisan leadership, and we stand ready to work alongside the technology companies building these tools to ensure child safety is engineered in from the start. "Together, by pairing prevention education with strong safeguards and genuine industry collaboration, we can build an AI ecosystem worthy of our children's trust.” – Ashlie Bryant, CEO, 3Strands Global Foundation*

Abundance Institute: *“Social media platforms and artificial intelligence tools empower Americans to speak their minds and hear novel perspectives. This open discourse is protected by the First Amendment: government cannot coerce these companies to suppress what users say or hear. The JAWBONE Act exposes government pressure on these companies and gives censored Americans a path to remedies. It would fortify the marketplace of ideas against government manipulation.” - Neil Chilson, Head of AI Policy, Abundance Institute*

Americans for Responsible Innovation (ARI): *"AI chatbots designed for children should prioritize their well-being rather than exploiting their data or behavior. The CHATBOT Act reflects that principle by giving parents meaningful tools, limiting high-risk design features, and advancing research into how these technologies shape development. This bill is about making sure AI systems that interact with children are designed with their safety in mind from the start." – Brad Carson, ARI President*

American Principles Project: *“We’ve read the horrific chatbot stories in the news. We’ve heard from the victims and their families. Now, Congress must act to empower parents and better protect kids online. Sen. Ted Cruz has long been a champion on this issue, and he continues to build on his important work today with the CHATBOT Act. If passed, this common sense bill would create important guardrails to better allow parents to direct their kids’ online experience. American Principles Project is proud to endorse the CHATBOT Act and urges Congress to pass it as soon as possible.” – Jon Schweppe, Senior Advisor, American Principles Project*

Bull Moose Project: *"AI chatbots are already shaping how millions of American children learn, socialize, and develop. Right now, parents have almost no tools to navigate these new technologies and ensure their children use them safely. The CHATBOT Act is a commonsense step to empower families, require transparency, and prioritize safety without banning the technology outright. Washington should move quickly to pass it.” – Aiden Buzzetti*

Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee: *"Far too many children have been harmed by unregulated AI chatbots. Over 70% of kids are now using this technology, many turning to it for advice and emotional support. But without guardrails, chatbots are exposing minors to inappropriate sexual content, false gender ideology, and, in the most tragic cases, encouraging them to commit self-harm and suicide. It is imperative for Congress to ensure that if this technology is available to kids, it is safe for them to use. We are grateful to Sen. Cruz for proposing these commonsense solutions to protect kids and put families first."* – Penny Nance, CEO and President, Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee

David's Legacy Foundation: *"AI generated 'companions' or AI chatbots can simulate friendships, generate explicit content, and interact with minors in ways that were unimaginable just a few years ago. Parents deserve tools and safeguards that ensure chatbots are not exploiting children or coercing them to harm themselves or others. I applaud Senator Cruz for his CHATBOT Act because it puts parents in the driver's seat when it comes to keeping their kids safe while using this new technology."* – David's Legacy Foundation

Digital Progress Institute: *"Applying child-safety guardrails to harmful AI products is just commonsense. The CHATBOT Act does just that. The Digital Progress Institute is proud to support this sensible, bipartisan effort that better ensures our kids will not be casualties in our pursuit towards AI dominance."* – Joel Thayer, President of the Digital Progress Institute

Encode AI: *"AI chatbots are now part of millions of kids' lives, and parents deserve real tools to protect them. This bill is a smart, bipartisan step forward."* – Sunny Gandhi, Co-Executive Director, Encode AI

Enough is Enough: *"The sad reality is that innocent children are being harmed by predatory AI chatbots - even the ones that may be designed for kids or act like their best friends. Evidence shows that Meta's companion bots will engage in overtly sexual discussions with users, going so far as to explicitly describe specific sexual acts, even when users self-identify as minors. Other AI chatbots have allegedly prompted teens to commit suicide. It is past time for Big Tech to be held accountable to design its products with children's safety in mind, but parents also deserve more resources and default parental control safety measures as well. I applaud Senator Cruz for introducing this legislation to mandate necessary guardrails for AI chatbots to better protect minor children and empower parents."* – Donna Rice Hughes, President and CEO, Enough Is Enough.

Hispanic Business Council's (USHBC): *"We've lived this before. Social media unlocked opportunity but also exposed gaps in how we protect families, and AI is advancing at a much faster pace. That should be a signal to Washington that we cannot afford to play catch-up again. We need thoughtful guardrails now that protect families while keeping American innovation moving forward. I commend Senators Cruz, Schatz, Curtis and Schiff for approaching this in a bi-partisan fashion and for their stewardship. This is real American leadership and illustrative of*

how our elected officials should be working together on this critically important technology” - Javier Palomarez, President and CEO of the USHBC

HSA Coalition: *“Busy parents and device-equipped children — even with parental controls in place — form a fragile defense against the addictive design of social media. Arrayed against them are rapacious algorithms engineered to pull users ever deeper into radicalized content. It is not a fair fight for adults, let alone children. We learned that lesson too late. Mandating family accounts for AI chatbots may help spare children from the harms now well documented in the research, but even that safeguard still rests on the vigilance of parents and family.” – HSA Coalition*

Interparliamentary Taskforce on Human Trafficking: *“The CHATBOT Act by Senators Ted Cruz and Brian Schatz is a commonsense, bipartisan proactive step to protect children from the very real and emerging danger posed by unregulated AI chatbots. By requiring parental consent, establishing family account safeguards, and prohibiting the exploitation of minors’ data, this bill puts the safety of children ahead of corporate interests. At the Interparliamentary Taskforce on Human Trafficking we have seen firsthand that exploitation is a borderless crime and laws like this are essential.” – Anne Basham, Chair, Interparliamentary Taskforce on Human Trafficking*

NCOSE: *“AI chatbots can be dangerous for children, as they can have sexually explicit conversations or encourage suicide. More oversight is urgently needed. This bill will enhance parental controls over AI chatbots by implementing mandatory default safeguards for children and requiring parental consent for account creation. It ensures real accountability for tech platforms, as both the FTC and state Attorneys General have enforcement authority.” – Haley McNamara, Executive Director and Chief Strategy Officer, National Center on Sexual Exploitation.*

Not On Our Watch Texas: *“Not On Our Watch supports the CHATBOT Act because empowers parents to protect their children from artificial intelligence chatbots and companions that can be addictive and even manipulative and harmful to children and teens. Importantly, it also targets manipulative design features, protects users’ privacy, and prohibits targeted advertising toward minor users. We are also grateful that it calls upon the National Science Foundation to study chatbots’ effects on human relationships and children and teens’ social needs. This recognizes that as AI rapidly develops and deploys into our daily lives, we need to protect children and other vulnerable populations from risks we’ve already started to recognize, including brain development and mental health concerns.” - Not On Our Watch Texas*

Pearl at the Mailbox: *“We support the Children’s Health, Advancement, Trust, Boundaries, and Oversight in Technology (CHATBOT) Act. Pearl at the Mailbox is a human trafficking survivor-led organization. As digital technologies continue to evolve, children are increasingly interacting with systems that can influence behavior, relationships, and decision-making. Establishing clear safeguards—such as parental oversight, safe design standards, transparent AI disclosure, and protections for minors’ data—is essential to reducing risk and promoting safe use. This*

legislation represents an important step toward ensuring that emerging technologies are developed with child safety, privacy, and well-being as a priority. Thoughtful guardrails and accountability measures will help mitigate potential harms while allowing innovation to continue responsibly. Pearl at the Mailbox supports these efforts and recognizes the importance of proactive, prevention-focused policy in protecting children in digital environments.” – Pearl at the Mailbox

Street Grace: *“Predators follow children wherever they go — and today, that includes AI chatbots. The CHATBOT Act takes meaningful, practical steps to ensure that when children engage with these powerful tools, they are protected by design, not left vulnerable by default. From requiring parental consent and family safeguards to prohibiting the exploitation of minors’ data, this legislation puts child wellbeing ahead of corporate engagement metrics. We are deeply grateful to Senators Cruz and Schatz for their leadership in building guardrails that protect our most vulnerable.” – Bob Rodgers, CEO, Street Grace*

Talk More. Tech Less: *"Talk More. Tech Less. endorses the Chatbot Act. It is timely and important legislation to get ahead of supporting minors as AI is evolving."*

The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention: *“The ERLC is grateful to Sen. Cruz for introducing the CHATBOT Act, an important piece of legislation handing the reins of power back to parents over their children’s interactions with artificial intelligence technology. Southern Baptists believe parents, not government or private companies, have the fundamental responsibility to direct their children’s upbringing, which is made more difficult by rapidly developing technologies operating with few regulations. The CHATBOT Act would ensure parents can make decisions about how their kids engage with new technologies and that necessary safety features are enabled for children’s safety online.”*