October 28, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate

cc: Chairman Roger Wicker and Ranking Member Jack Reed, Senate Committee on Armed Services

Chairman Mike Rogers and Ranking Member Adam Smith, House Committee on Armed Services

Re: Retain the Critical STOP CSAM Act (S.1829) in the NDAA

Dear Leader Thune, Speaker Johnson, Leader Schumer, and Leader Jeffries:

As you work to finalize the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) in conference negotiations this fall, we the undersigned urge you to ensure the STOP CSAM Act remains included in the final bill. This legislation is vital to protect children. Its enactment into law would represent the boldest action Congress has taken against the scourge of online child exploitation in a generation.

Since the start of the internet age, predators have found disturbing ways to exploit children online and perpetuate an ecosystem for egregious criminal behavior. Images of child sexual abuse circulate in the dark corners of the internet, and documented abuse proliferates to this day. Even grown adults often struggle to get images of their abuse from their youth removed from online platforms. **In 2025 alone, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) received over 21 million reports of suspected online child sexual exploitation, including more than 61.8 images, videos, and files related to child sexual exploitation.** This cannot stand.

The STOP CSAM Act, led by Senators Josh Hawley and Dick Durbin, would help to end this exploitation crisis. Crucially, the legislation would, for the first time, empower survivors to sue online platforms that promote or abet their exploitation online. By opening the courthouse doors, not only will survivors receive justice through judgments, but companies that are complicit will finally change their behavior. The legislation also includes important provisions to improve CyberTipline reporting, require new transparency by platforms, and protect victims during court proceedings. This is a targeted but meaningful piece of legislation that will make a difference to thousands of survivors.

We are proud that the STOP CSAM Act has strong bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress and was already included in the manager's amendment of the Senate's version of the NDAA. In the Senate, the legislation already passed unanimously out of the Judiciary Committee and now has 30 senators as sponsors and cosponsors from across the political spectrum. It is vital that the STOP CSAM Act be retained as part of the NDAA. Any effort to remove these provisions now would represent a victory for online predators who must be stopped.

Sincerely,

3Strands Global Foundation (National)

Abolition Ohio (Ohio)

All Girls Allowed, Inc. (National)

ANEW Life International (National, Florida)

Arizona Anti-Trafficking Network (Arizona)

Aspen Grove Fund (Arizona)

Association communautaire pour la promotion et la protection des droits de l'homme (ACPDH) (National)

Awaken INC (Nevada)

Better Screen Time (National)

Bite Back Collective (National)

Born to Fly International, Inc. (National)

Breaking Generational Cycles (California, Oregon, Texas, Washington)

Bridging The Gap-Oregon (National)

Bruderhof (National)

Buckets Over Bullying (National)

Buikwe Touch Rehab Ministries Uganda limited (Uganda)

California Survivor Coalition (California)

Canary (National)

CASA for Children of DC (National)

Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (Illinois)

Child Rescue Coalition (National)

ChildFund International (National/International, Texas, Virginia)

Children's Justice International (National)

Churches Against Trafficking (National, Tennessee)

Citizens for Decency (Idaho)

Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW) (National)

Common Sense Media (National)

CONVO Church (Nevada)

Dance Awareness: No Child Exploited(DA:NCE) (National)

David's Legacy Foundation (Texas)

Deliverfund (North Carolina)

Devout Consulting, LLC (National)

Digital Childhood Institute (National, Utah)

Direct Access Counseling & Supportive Services (Colorado, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina)

Disruptors Org (Oregon)

Eating Disorder Coalition of Iowa (Iowa)

Emerge Counseling and Consulting (California)

End OSEAC Survivors' Council (National)

Enough Abuse (National)

Enough Is Enough (National)

Erik's Cause (California)

Evergreen Caregiver Support (National, Washington)

Exodus Cry (National)

Fields of Hope (North Carolina)

Four:10 Ministries (Indiana)

Free NOLA, Inc. (Louisiana)

Freedom 4/24 (Virginia)

Freedom a la Cart (Ohio)

Freedom From Exploitation (California)

From Silenced To Saved (Colorado)

General Federation of Women’s Clubs (National)

Global Emancipation Network (National; California, Delaware, Virginia, Washington)

Global Hope 365 (National)

Haiven (National)

Hope5one, Inc. (Missouri)

Humanitarian Organization of Mercy (National)

International Justice Mission (National/International, Virginia)

International Public Policy Institute (Kansas)

Just Love Worldwide (Maine)

Justice Society (National)

Less Than 3 (National)

Louisiana Love Home For Children (Louisiana)

Love Never Fails (California)

Lynn's Warriors (National)

Marsh Law Firm PLLC (National)

Maryland Coalition Against Pornography (Maryland)

Mentari Human Trafficking Survivor Empowerment Program (National)

Michelle Johnson Consulting (Louisiana)

Mirror Ministries (Washington)

Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center (Pennsylvania)

Moving Mountains Leadership & Consulting LLC (National)

National Association of Social Workers (National)

National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) (National)

National Children's Alliance (National)

National Criminal Justice Training Center (National)

National District Attorneys Association (National)

NC Stop Human Trafficking (North Carolina)

Neurotrauma.one (Idaho, Montana, Texas, Utah)

New Englanders Against Sexual Exploitation (NEASE) (New England)

NH Traffick-Free Coalition (New Hampshire)

Not On Our Watch Texas (Texas)

Oasis Productions DBA Stepping Stones Network (National, Illinois)

PA Unplugged (Pennsylvania)

PACT (Protect All Children from Trafficking) (National)

Paving the Way Foundation (Florida)

Plan International (National)

Protect Young Eyes (National)

RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) (National)

Raven (National)

Rescuing Hope (Georgia)

Rights4Girls (Virginia)

Sacred Stewardship (Connecticut)

Safe House Project (National)

SAVE-Suicide Awareness Voices of Education (National)

Shared Hope International (National)

She's Somebody's Daughter (Pennsylvania)

Shield North Carolina (North Carolina)

SHPRD (National, California)

Sierra Cares Foundation (National)

socialmediaharms.org (National)

Southwest FL Coalition Against Human Trafficking (Florida)

Star Guides Wilderness (Utah)

Talk More. Tech Less. (National)

The Asservo Project (National)

The Center for Global Justice (Virginia)

The Dragonfly Harbor inc (Louisiana)

The Genesis Project (Arkansas)

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (National)

The National Center for Victims of Internet and Cyber Exploitation (National)

The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (National)

The Stop Trafficking Project® (Kansas, Missouri, Washington)

Thorn (National)

Tim Tebow Foundation (National/International)

Treasures (National)

Unbound Now (Louisiana, Texas)

Untrafficked (National)

Up Against Eating Disorders (National)

Virginia Coalition Against Human Trafficking (Virginia)

WealthManagementMinistries-Prevention Works Joint Task Force and Coalition (Virginia)

Wings of Refuge (National)

Women's Equal Justice (National, New York)

World Vision (National/International)

World Without Exploitation (National)

Yellowstone Human Trafficking Task Force (Montana)

youthSpark, Inc. (Georgia)