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Chairman Bilirakis, Chairman Guthrie, Ranking Member Schakowsky, and Ranking Member Pallone:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations (IUPA), I write to express our strong support for the App Store Accountability Act and to emphasize its vital role in protecting America's children. I urge you to support the App Store Accountability Act during the upcoming subcommittee hearing and bring it to the House floor without delay.

Every day, law enforcement officers across the country work to keep young people safe – not just by responding to crime, but by preventing harm before it reaches them. The number one way we protect children is by helping them avoid dangerous situations, risky interactions, and predatory influences in the first place.

Today, mobile applications and the devices children carry with them have become one of the primary avenues through which children are exposed to threats. Online predators, drug traffickers, and individuals seeking to exploit young users rely on the anonymity and lack of oversight within app marketplaces to reach children more easily than ever before, and often without their parents having any idea. When app stores fail to maintain clear accountability standards, dangerous or deceptive applications can flourish, leaving families and law enforcement without meaningful resources and safeguards.

The App Store Accountability Act directly addresses these challenges by requiring greater transparency, stronger vetting of which applications are appropriate for children, restoring parental consent, and improved cooperation with lawful investigations. These measures will give

law enforcement clearer tools to intervene early – before a child is contacted by a predator, pulled into illicit activity, or exposed to harmful content. In short, this legislation strengthens the preventive work that officers view as the cornerstone of child protection and reinstates parents as the first line of defense.

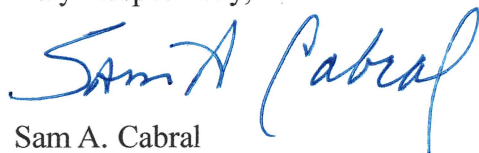
Support for this legislation is strong throughout the law enforcement community. In addition to the International Union of Police Associations, the following organizations stand united in urging action:

- Lakewood Police Union (Colorado)
- Milwaukee Police Association (Wisconsin)
- New York State Union of Police Associations (New York)
- Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigators Assertion (Oklahoma)
- Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Association (Utah)
- Toledo Police Patrolman's Association (Ohio)
- Virginia Beach PBA (Virginia)
- Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs (Washington)

We respectfully urge you to move this legislation forward without delay. Every day that passes without stronger safeguards in place increases the risks to children who depend on us to protect them – both offline and online. The App Store Accountability Act represents a meaningful, urgently needed step toward creating a safer digital environment for America's youth.

Thank you for your leadership and for your ongoing commitment to the safety and well-being of our communities. We stand ready to support your efforts as this critical legislation advances.

Very Respectfully,



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