

# APP STORE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

# PARENTS OVER PLATFORMS ACT

## REAL VS. OPTIONAL PROTECTION

✓ Applies to all apps equally, requiring parental consent, honest app age ratings, and an age signal from app stores to protect children online.

✗ Only applies to apps that opt in to regulation and treat adults and minors differently, discouraging developers from creating safer experiences for kids.

## AGE VERIFICATION VS. STATED AGE

✓ Requires privacy-preserving age verification so children aren't treated like adults.

✗ Relies on stated age for most apps. Statistically, 30% of children lie about their age online.

## PARENTAL CONSENT

✓ Recognizes that children cannot enter into binding contracts without parental consent, empowering parents.

✗ Does not require minor accounts to be linked to a parent account, effectively treating 13-year-olds as adults.

## ENFORCEMENT

✓ Includes real enforcement mechanisms and finally holds app stores accountable.

✗ Creates sweeping safe harbors that let app stores and developers escape accountability and liability.

## CHILD ADVOCATES VS. BIG TECH

✓ **App Store Accountability Act is led by Child Advocates** - supported by 170+ child advocacy groups, including: National Center on Sexual Exploitation, Protect Young Eyes, Institute for Family Studies, Family Policy Alliance, Defend Young Minds, Scrolling2Death, Parents Who Fight, Institute for Families and Technology, Child First Policy Center, American Principles Project, Digital Progress Institute, Utah Parents United, and Project STAND.

✗ **Parents Over Platforms is led by Big Tech and their Trade Associations**