

June 23, 2020

The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write on behalf of Stop Child Predators (SCP), a national non-profit organization that brings together a team of policy experts, law enforcement officers, community leaders, and parents to combat the sexual exploitation of children and promote and protect the rights of crime victims.

Today, I write to thank you for your leadership in introducing "The Lawful Access to Encrypted Data Act."

Too often our nation's children are unintentionally put at risk by technologies and platforms they use on a daily basis. In 2018, <u>tech companies reported</u> more than 45 million online photos and videos of children being sexually abused.

At the same time, law enforcement are too often at a disadvantage to solving crimes against children because of encryption policies that can allow child exploitation to flourish. The debate over how best solve for this problem has gone on for too long.

"The Lawful Access to Encrypted Date Act" strikes the right balance between privacy and effective law enforcement. I applaud your efforts to protect against dangerous criminal activity — which often includes putting vulnerable children at great risk — while at the same time respecting civil liberties. Privacy and protection do not have to be mutually exclusive, and this bill reasonably accounts for both.

Thank you again for your leadership on this very important issue. If I may ever be of assistance to you on this issue, or any other matter regarding child safety, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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