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Written PROPONENT testimony for SB 372. An act concerning consumer protection; enacting the app store accountability act; regulating app store and developer operations with respect to minors; creating requirements for age verification and parental consent; providing for enforcement under the Kansas consumer protection act; creating a private cause of action for violations of the act.

To: Madam Chair Senator Kellie Warren and Senate Judiciary Committee members

From: Lucrecia Nold, Public Policy Specialist, Kansas Catholic Conference

Madam Chair Warren and members of the committee,

My name is Lucrecia Nold and I serve as the policy specialist of the Kansas Catholic Conference, the public policy voice of the Catholic Bishops of Kansas. Thank you for the opportunity to show our support for SB 372.

Defending the integrity of the family is a core value of the Catholic Church. And while parents are the first and best defenders of their children, society also has an obligation to protect the family, what we often call the “domestic church.” We believe SB 372 will help with this protection of children, against apps that can so often be damaging to their young, still developing minds.

Pope Leo is the most prominent of many Catholic voices expressing the potential harms of technology. Though it can be used for good, technology can pose a threat to young people when it replaces and weakens genuine human connection. This is one danger of unfettered access to apps.

SB 372, the App Store Accountability Act, will help provide parents with the tools necessary to help protect their children from a litany of potential problems. Including, but not limited to, data privacy violations, exposure to inappropriate content, interaction with strangers, cyberbullying, addiction, and more.

For the reasons mentioned above, the Kansas Catholic Conference offers its support in SB 372.

Thank you,

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