



Mothers Against  
Media Addiction

## **CONGRESS, YOU MUST CHOOSE: KIDS OR BIG TECH**

### ***Appeasing Tech Companies at the Expense of Child Safety Is a Non-Starter***

JUNE 22, 2026 (Washington, DC) - In response to reports that the U.S. Senate is considering amending its landmark Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA) to include language preempting state artificial intelligence safety laws, Julie Scelfo, Founder and Executive Director of Mothers Against Media Addiction (MAMA), released the following statement:

“While the exact text of this legislation is still being reviewed, MAMA’s standard remains clear: any meaningful federal tech safety legislation must include real protections for kids, including safety-by-design and an outright ban on addictive features. Any federal policy that pre-empts or weakens state-level artificial intelligence (AI) or social media protections is a non-starter. Full stop.

“Over the course of the past months, Big Tech has taken advantage of the political chaos in Washington to benefit only themselves. Meta, Alphabet (Google), Snapchat, and TikTok have reportedly spent \$38.6 million to lobby Congress in attempts to weaken legislation intended to protect our kids online. These platforms have proven time and time again that they will put their own profit over the safety of our children, and they should not have any influence over laws designed to rein in their destructive, dangerous behavior.

“As we prepare for Social Media Victims Remembrance Day tomorrow, when we honor the countless children we have lost to addictive and exploitative tech products, we must recommit ourselves to building a world that puts kids before corporate profits. Parents have a clear message for Congress: reject Big Tech’s greedy influence and pass online safety legislation that puts the well-being of our children first.”

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