



September 25, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of the State of California
California State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2511 (Chau) Privacy: The Parents' Social Media Accountability and Child Protection Act
AAP-CA Position: Support

Dear Governor Brown,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA), representing over 5,000 California pediatricians, respectfully urges your signature on AB 2511 to require Internet companies to obtain parental consent before using a minor's name, picture, or any information, and to take reasonable steps to verify the age of the purchaser and to refrain from selling prohibited products or services to minors.

California law prohibits the sale of many items to children without the consent of a parent. Those items include alcohol, pornography, and weapons. Internet companies, however, do little to verify the age of the purchaser or verify parental consent. Many companies such as Amazon and Facebook include only a one-sentence warning in the boilerplate of their terms and conditions. As a result, children are often able to purchase items that are illegal for them to buy, and in so doing to endanger their health and well-being.

AB 2511 would regulate the unlawful selling of products to minors through online marketplaces and would prohibit the use of language inserted in boilerplate terms and conditions as a way for social media platforms to evade parental consent.

Pediatrician members of AAP California Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 statewide respectfully urge your signature on AB 2511. Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and wellbeing of children, youth, and families in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kris E. Calvin".

Kris Calvin
Chief Executive Officer, American Academy of Pediatrics, California

cc: AAP-CA Leadership; Lobbyist Lydia Bourne; Assemblymember Ed Chau