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The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**RE: Endorsement of Legislative Package to Combat Child Online Safety and Sextortion  
(H.R. 6719, S. 3398, S. 3397, and S. 3394)**

Dear Leader Thune and Leader Schumer:

On behalf of Right On Crime, I am writing to express our strong endorsement of the comprehensive package of bills recently considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee to address the growing crisis of online child exploitation and sextortion. This package—comprising the *Combating Online Predators Act* (H.R. 6719), the *Stop Sextortion Act* (S. 3398), the *Ending Coercion of Children and Harm Online* (ECCHO) Act (S. 3397), and the *Sentencing Accountability for Exploitation* (SAFE) Act (S. 3394)—represents a vital, bipartisan approach to modernizing our criminal justice system and protecting the innocent above all else.

Right On Crime is dedicated to data-driven, effective public safety policies that will result in less crime, fewer victims, and safer communities. However, the digital landscape has evolved faster than our laws, allowing predators to weaponize technology to coerce, blackmail, and destroy young lives. These bills, as amended by the Committee, provide the necessary tools to hold these high-level predators accountable while maintaining the principles of limited government and individualized justice. Through the deliberate and bipartisan negotiations conducted by the Senate Judiciary Committee, the slate of bills now ripe for full consideration of the Senate will avoid wasting prison resources while keeping truly dangerous predators behind bars. Our criminal justice system must be – first and foremost – unyielding in holding violent and dangerous offenders accountable, particularly when the victims are our most vulnerable. This package, as amended, successfully balances the need for effective prosecution of predators with the precision required for a just system.

The *Combating Online Predators Act* and the *Stop Sextortion Act* address a gap in federal law by explicitly criminalizing the *threat* to distribute child sexual abuse material. For too long, predators have evaded federal exploitation charges simply because they used psychological terror and extortion rather than immediate distribution. By codifying these threats as the serious dangers they are, we ensure that law enforcement can intervene before irreversible harm occurs.



Furthermore, the *ECCHO Act* targets online networks that coerce children into self-harm or violent acts. The bill recognizes that digital coercion is a lethal threat, applying existing penalties for adult predators who drive children to tragedy. A system that fails to protect a child from a predator has failed its mandate. And while juveniles need to be held accountable for those mistakes, a system should still ensure they have the chance to be rehabilitated and turn their lives around. We strongly support the Committee's amendment to the *ECCHO Act* that limits the scope of mandatory transfers for juveniles. Criminalization must remain tailored to both the offense and the offender.

Right On Crime's endorsement is rooted in the belief that the justice system must be precise. Being tough on predators is a priority, but policies that are overly punitive towards those with low culpability can be counterproductive. The digital landscape has allowed adult predators—often operating from outside our borders—to target American youth with the goal of sowing chaos and harnessing control. Lawmakers cannot afford to look the other way when children's safety is on the line.

We urge the Senate to advance these bills swiftly. The safety of our children and the effectiveness of our justice system depend on these modernization efforts.

Sincerely,

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