

March 30, 2022

The Honorable Assemblymember Mark Stone  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Judiciary  
Room 104, Legislative Office Building  
1020 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2826 (Muratsuchi)—SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Stone and Honorable Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Common Sense, co-sponsor of this legislation, I am writing to express our strong support for Assemblymember Muratsuchi's California Platform Accountability and Transparency Act (AB 2826), which will ensure that social media platforms are disclosing information on the well-being of child users.

At Common Sense, we wholeheartedly believe California must put childrens' safety, development, and well-being first. We also understand that the separation between the physical and online worlds is blurred and no longer relevant to California's kids. Recent documents released by Facebook whistleblower Frances Haugen demonstrate the direct impact of online platforms — and that the tech industry is very much aware of these harms. The Legislature must intervene to ensure California's children are as protected online as they are in physical spaces.

AB 2826 takes a strong step in that direction by requiring social media companies to reveal data on how their products are impacting children. This will arm lawmakers and parents with the information needed to make informed decisions on how to best protect our children online.

For these reasons, Common Sense is proud to co-sponsor this measure and respectfully asks for your "Aye" vote on AB 2826.

Sincerely,



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