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Office of Senator Jesse Kiehl  
Alaska State Capitol  
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Juneau, AK 99801



RE: Support for Senate Bill 247 – Generated Obscene Child Sex Abuse Material

Dear Senator Kiehl,

Alaska Children’s Trust offers our dedicated support for Senate Bill 247, which would criminalize AI-generated child sexual abuse material (CSAM). As the statewide lead organization focused on the prevention of child abuse and neglect, we support policies that promote safety in our communities and protect children from exploitation and harm. Senate Bill 247 does this by updating state statute to better align with the current digital environment.

Senate Bill 247 expands Alaska’s criminal laws to include the creation, possession, and distribution of obscene CSAM generated using synthetic media, including AI. Generative AI technologies are increasingly being used to produce CSAM, creating photorealistic images and videos of child sexual abuse. Given the highly realistic nature of this material, AI-generated CSAM can strain law enforcement resources and impede the identification of real child victims. Generative AI technologies can also be used by perpetrators to modify existing CSAM, retraumatizing survivors, and helps produce “deepfake” CSAM from innocuous photographs of children, creating new victim

Alaska has one of the highest per-capita rates of child sexual abuse in the nation – 1 in 7 children will experience an allegation of child sexual abuse (CSA) before their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday. The U.S. Department of Health & Social Services reported a 168% increase in reports of child sexual abuse from 2009 to 2019 in Alaska. From 2013 to 2015, 13.7% of Alaska adults reported experiencing CSA. In 2020, 35% of Alaska women reported experiencing sexual abuse when they were a child. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reported 67,000 AI-generated CSAM reports in all of 2024 and 485,000 in the first half of 2024 – a 624% increase. This final statistic alone demonstrates the urgency of this emerging issue.

Currently, 45 states have laws criminalizing AI-generated CSAM, with more than half of those laws enacted in 2024 alone. Senate Bill 247 would criminalize AI-generated CSAM in Alaska, protecting children and youth and holding the creators and consumers of these materials responsible for their actions. Criminalizing synthetically created CSAM supports safer communities and encourages accountable systems. Thank you for introducing this crucial legislation.

Sincerely,

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