

Drug dealers have used platforms from YouTube to Telegram to sell lethal drugs like fentanyl to teenagers, fueling our Nation's drug epidemic.

The list goes on and on.

For years, my colleagues and I on the Senate Commerce Committee and on the Judiciary Committee have listened to parents; we have cried with parents; we have held them close—parents from across the country who have lost their children to online harms. For years, we have heard excuse after excuse after excuse from Big Tech CEOs about these tragedies that are happening every single day, but they don't do anything about it. The excuses go on and on. They know what is happening, but they choose profit over protecting our kids.

It cannot go on any longer. So, today, Senator BLUMENTHAL and I have reintroduced the bipartisan Kids Online Safety Act, or KOSA, as we know it. This is crucial legislation. This is the legislation that will hold Big Tech accountable and make certain that parents and kids have the tools, the safeguards, and the transparency they need for young people to be protected in the virtual space.

Among its provisions, the legislation will create a duty of care for online platforms to prevent specific threats to minors, including sexual abuse, illicit drugs, and the promotion of suicide and eating disorders. Bear in mind, the responsibility is on the online platform, and the duty of care would only apply to product features like algorithms, not content, meaning that KOSA would safeguard free speech while protecting our children.

In many ways, KOSA is common sense. We have many protections for children in the physical world. Yet, if children are unable to buy alcohol or go to a strip club in the physical world, why do we allow them to be exposed to harms in the virtual space? They are exposed to these same harms 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Parents know that there are just as many dangers lurking online and sometimes even more than there are in the real world, which is why 86 percent of Americans support KOSA.

The legislation enjoys overwhelming bipartisan support. How often do we see legislation that can pass through the Senate with a 91-to-3 vote like KOSA did last year in this Chamber? It has also received endorsements from stakeholders across the board, including from child safety advocates, pediatricians, and tech companies like X, Microsoft, Snap, and Apple, which announced its support today.

In the weeks ahead, we are going to work with our colleagues in the House of Representatives to ensure that this vital legislation makes it to President Trump's desk. When it does, the President will have a generational opportunity to secure a brighter future for children across the country. Their lives depend on the ability of us to act.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1749. A bill to prohibit United States Government recognition of the Russian Federation's claim of sovereignty over Crimea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1749

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "No United States Recognition of Russian Sovereignty Over Crimea or Any Other Forcibly Seized Ukrainian Territory".

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST UNITED STATES RECOGNITION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S CLAIM OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER CRIMEA.

(a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States not to recognize the Government of the Russian Federation's claim of sovereignty over Crimea or any other forcibly seized Ukrainian territory, including any related airspace or territorial waters.

(b) PROHIBITION.—In accordance with subsection (a), no Federal department or agency may take any action, extend any non-humanitarian assistance, or spend any funds that implies recognition of the Government of the Russian Federation's claim of sovereignty over Crimea or any other forcibly seized Ukrainian territory, unless any such claim is formally recognized by the democratically elected Government of Ukraine.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 225—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20, 2025, AS "NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK"

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. KELLY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 225

Whereas 3,500,000 individuals in the United States navigate the roads and highways of the United States as professional truck drivers;

Whereas the trucking industry is the backbone of the economy of the United States, and truck drivers play an essential role in moving the United States forward;

Whereas the quality of life that the people of the United States enjoy would not be possible without the steadfast dedication demonstrated by truck drivers;

Whereas truckers of the United States drive over 330,000,000 miles each year, the equivalent of nearly 1,800 round trips to the sun, to deliver daily necessities and other consumer goods;

Whereas truck drivers make many sacrifices, including time away from their families, to fulfill their important responsibilities and get shipments where they need to be on time, safely, and securely;

Whereas truck drivers transport more than 11,000,000,000 tons of freight each year, which is about 70 percent of all the freight moved in the United States;

Whereas more than 80 percent of United States communities rely exclusively on truck drivers to deliver their commodities, including the most remote towns and territories that are unreachable by other modes of transportation;

Whereas the commitment of truck drivers ensures the delivery of vital public services, such as medical supplies, food distribution, and emergency relief during crises, making truck drivers indispensable to the well-being of the United States;

Whereas truck drivers play an essential role in maintaining national security by transporting critical military equipment, supplies, and personnel in support of defense operations, ensuring the readiness and mobility of the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas hundreds of billions of safe driving miles accumulated by truck drivers each year are a source of pride and reflect the unique skills of truck drivers and their commitment to excellence; and

Whereas the diligence and attention to detail displayed by truck drivers is critical to protecting the safety of all roadway users: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate designates the week of September 14 through September 20, 2025, as "National Truck Driver Appreciation Week".

SENATE RESOLUTION 226—CONDEMNING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA FOR ENGAGING IN TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. SULIVAN, and Mr. CURTIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 226

Whereas transnational repression refers to actions by foreign governments that cross national borders to intimidate, silence, coerce, or harm individuals, including members of diaspora and exile communities, in order to suppress dissent and control political expression;

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China, as the world's most prolific perpetrator of transnational repression, is carrying out a coordinated campaign to surveil, harass, threaten, and coerce individuals living abroad, including people who are lawfully residing in the United States;

Whereas these actions have targeted political dissidents, human rights defenders, and ethnic and religious communities, including Uyghurs, Tibetans, and Hongkongers;

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China's efforts to intimidate and control individuals residing in the United States, often through covert operations or unregistered agents, constitute a violation of United States sovereignty and an affront to the rule of law; and

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China, in coordination with local authorities, has also sought to exert pressure by harassing, threatening, or unlawfully detaining the family members of such individuals who are still residing in the People's Republic of China or regions controlled by the Government of the People's Republic of China, and by engaging in other acts of harassment targeting such family members, including the confiscation of property, freezing of financial assets, and cancellation of passports to restrict freedom of movement: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the Government of the People's Republic of China for its systematic campaign of transnational repression;

(2) affirms that all individuals residing in the United States have the right to live free from foreign government intimidation, coercion, and surveillance;

(3) declares that acts of transnational repression carried out by the Government of the People's Republic of China in the United States violate our Nation's sovereignty and democratic values;

(4) recognizes that the Government of the People's Republic of China's harassment, threats, or unlawful detention of the family members of such individuals who are residing in the People's Republic of China or regions controlled by the Government of the People's Republic of China is an extension of this repression and a violation of basic human rights; and

(5) supports efforts by the United States Government to investigate, disrupt, and hold accountable those who carry out or enable such activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 227—CON-DEMNING HAMAS FOR ITS PREMEDITATED, COORDINATED, AND BRUTAL TERRORIST ATTACKS ON OCTOBER 7, 2023, AGAINST ISRAEL AND DEMANDING THAT HAMAS IMMEDIATELY RELEASE ALL REMAINING HOSTAGES AND RETURN THEM TO SAFETY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KIM, and Mr. COONS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 227

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas, the United States-designated and Iran-backed terror group, launched premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks from the Gaza Strip into Israel, targeting the Israeli people;

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas invaded more than 20 communities bordering the Gaza Strip and attacked innocent young people attending the Tribe of Nova music festival;

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas killed more than 1,200 people and wounded nearly 4,000 people;

Whereas Hamas posted and live streamed footage of executing Israeli civilians, including entire families being slaughtered and horrific acts of violence targeting young children;

Whereas Hamas and other terrorist organizations kidnapped more than 250 hostages, comprised of more than 20 nationalities, into Gaza;

Whereas Hamas committed acts of sexual violence on October 7th, and returned hostages confirmed they were subjected to acts of sexual violence and psychological torture while held in captivity by Hamas;

Whereas the hostages that were taken include children, women, men, and the elderly;

Whereas 196 hostages, 147 alive, have been released or rescued by the Israel Defense Forces and 58 remain in captivity, including 4 United States nationals, Itay Chen, Omer Neutra, Judi Weinstein, and Gad Haggai;

Whereas the United States Government secured the release of Edan Alexander on May 12, 2025;

Whereas, upon their release in the early part of 2025, hostages were paraded through

Gaza and forced to participate in staged propaganda displays;

Whereas, according to testimonials from released hostages, hostages were held in brutal conditions, given barely any food or water, confined to cages, physically abused, psychologically tormented, and struggled to breathe with minimal airflow while held underground;

Whereas some hostages are known to be in dire need of urgent medical assistance;

Whereas Hamas has executed hostages in captivity and has threatened additional executions and to broadcast the executions publicly;

Whereas Hamas has engaged in psychological warfare by forcing hostages to participate in cruel propaganda videos that torment the hostages' families;

Whereas Hamas is inhumanely holding onto the bodies of deceased hostages as bargaining chips, including United States hostages, depriving families of a proper burial and closure;

Whereas Common Article 3 of the 1949 Geneva Conventions states that the taking of hostages is and shall remain prohibited at any time and in any place whatsoever; and

Whereas the deliberate murder and hostage-taking of innocent civilians are prohibited by international law: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns Hamas in the harshest terms for its premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks on Israel;

(2) decries Hamas's abductions and threats made against hostages, including threats to use hostages as human shields;

(3) demands that Hamas provide access and medical care to all hostages;

(4) demands that Hamas immediately release all remaining 58 hostages and return them to safety;

(5) recognizes that the taking of hostages is a violation of international humanitarian law;

(6) applauds the Administration for securing the release of Edan Alexander and calls on the White House to continue taking all possible steps to secure the release of all the hostages held captive by Hamas; and

(7) expresses sympathy to the hostages and those wounded, and to their families for this travesty to justice and personal hardship, and mourns those killed by Hamas on October 7, 2023, and during captivity.

SENATE RESOLUTION 228—SUPPORTING MAY 2, 2025, AS "NATIONAL SPACE DAY" IN RECOGNITION OF THE SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE IMPACT THE AEROSPACE COMMUNITY HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE ON THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 228

Whereas the aerospace industry and other government partners, including the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (referred to in this preamble as "NASA") and the Armed Forces of the United States, have led the way in space applications, exploration, scientific research, and security in the 20th and 21st centuries;

Whereas Congress has spearheaded the space endeavors of the United States by founding NASA and the Space Force, supporting the national security space enter-

prise, fostering the commercial space sector's growth, and cementing partnerships with key research centers such as The Aerospace Corporation, Project Air Force, the Center for Naval Analysis, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and all other entities and agencies driving the United States' global leadership and innovation in space;

Whereas NASA developed the Apollo Space Program that launched numerous space exploration missions, including the Apollo 11 moon landing on July 20, 1969;

Whereas NASA continues to develop far-reaching and high-profile programs and vehicles that expand our scientific ability while inspiring leagues of students, such as the Space Shuttle, which accomplished 135 crewed transportation missions from Earth-to-orbit from 1981 to 2011, the 5 Mars rover vehicles that have explored the surface of Mars since 1997, and the developing moon exploration program Artemis;

Whereas the James Webb Space Telescope represents a pinnacle of international collaboration in space exploration, led by NASA, showcasing the commitment of the United States to leading globally coordinated scientific endeavors to unlock insights into our cosmic origins and our future;

Whereas aerospace scientists, engineers, astronauts, and others, due to their ingenuity, continue to invent a wide variety of space-related technologies and applications that have benefitted humankind, such as the global positioning system, which is now used daily and whose invention is 1 example of the life-changing impact space-related technologies have on our way of life;

Whereas the aerospace industry and its academic partners have not only aided the United States in space exploration and research but also in space-related domains such as national security, science, agriculture, health and medicine, education, and space tourism;

Whereas science, technology, engineering, and math (referred to in this preamble as "STEM") engagement has been a primary focus of NASA's mission and a critical initiative for commercial space companies, space museums, and STEM education centers, such as the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, Kansas, Space Center Houston in Houston, Texas, and the Seattle Museum of Flight in Seattle, Washington in an effort to build the workforce of the future;

Whereas the accelerated growth in enthusiasm, interest, and investment in space is continuing a long-standing tradition in the United States of innovation and scientific discovery;

Whereas the rapid expansion of space exploration and the investments made by leaders in the aerospace industry, Congress, NASA, the Armed Services of the United States, universities, and a myriad of others are inspiring generations of new explorers into the final frontier of space; and

Whereas this rapid growth encourages the promotion of educational initiatives to inspire young minds in STEM fields, fostering the next generation of space enthusiasts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and designation of May 2, 2025, as "National Space Day";

(2) recognizes the importance of the entire aerospace community, including government agencies, Federally funded research and development centers, industry and education partners, entrepreneurs, and others;

(3) recognizes all of the contributions made to space applications, exploration, and scientific research; and

(4) recognizes the important partnerships between the aerospace industry and our Armed Forces in protecting and defending the United States of America.