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August 27, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Signing Request – Assembly Bill 1831

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am writing today to respectfully request that you sign Assembly Bill 1831.

This bill, if implemented, would add digitally-altered or artificial-intelligence-generated content to various statutes criminalizing child pornography.

Recent advancements in artificial intelligence have introduced unprecedented opportunities for tremendous innovation, however it is important that the Legislature be proactive in combatting and deterring its potential abuse, especially towards children.

As of 2023, California had the highest number of reported sex trafficking cases in the country with the victims of roughly a quarter of those cases being minors. We must take seriously the predatory demand for children in California and work proactively to anticipate and address new threats to our children's safety and privacy. AB-1831 would do that by ensuring artificial intelligence is captured by our existing child pornography statutes.

I thank you for your consideration and I respectfully request that you sign AB-1831. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (916) 651-4032.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly Seyarto".

Kelly Seyarto
Senator, 32nd District