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I submit this testimony in support of HB?1834, which updates Missouri’s law on enticement of a child. This bill raises the protected age from under 17 to under 18 and explicitly includes electronic communications, such as internet and messaging platforms, recognizing the modern ways minors can be targeted. These changes strengthen protections for young people against sexual exploitation and ensure that our laws reflect today’s realities.

I also appreciate that HB?1834 retains strong felony penalties, including a 5–30 year imprisonment term and a 5-year minimum period before eligibility for parole, probation, or conditional release. This underscores the seriousness of the offense and the importance of safeguarding children.

While I fully support this bill, I encourage the committee to ensure that the law is applied with clear standards for intent and evidence, so that enforcement focuses on truly exploitative conduct without ambiguity or unintended consequences.

In conclusion, HB?1834 represents an important step in protecting Missouri’s youth, and I urge the committee to advance this legislation.