

Social media giants Instagram and YouTube announce significant changes to their platforms regarding child safety! NCOSE regularly communicates with several social media companies to ensure they are doing their part in making these platforms safe for the millions of minors online daily. In March, Instagram made several critical updates to safety features, most notably around direct messaging. NCOSE has been at the forefront of pressing on social media companies to drastically limit the ability of strangers to contact minors through DMs – a primary method of grooming. Instagram is blocking the ability of unconnected adults to DM minors, and have included other key updates to these features thanks to NCOSE suggestions.

Google-owned YouTube also announced exciting changes. YouTube recently announced they're rolling out a new content filtering option for preteens and young teens to bridge the gap between YouTube Kids and YouTube. Content will be geared toward this age group and will allow parents to retain much more oversight and control over what content their children can explore than is currently possible on YouTube. This will start with an early beta for families with kids under age 13. We've been pressing on YouTube to create controls for young teens and are thrilled that they've headed our advice and that of other child safety experts. We'll keep our eyes on this new experience (and will continue our advocacy YouTube's many problematic policies)!

NCOSE Law Center files another groundbreaking class action lawsuit against the pornography industry! Our fight against the online pornography industry doesn't end with MindGeek. We are suing XVideos and its parent company, WebGroup Czech Republic (WGCZ), for trafficking Jane Doe, a victim of child sexual abuse material (child pornography) and sex trafficking together with five other survivor-focused and commercial litigation law firms. XVideos not only violated the law by hosting Jane Doe's child sexual abuse material, it profited from her abuse given that each image and video of her was monetized. We will not allow these actions to remain unchallenged, and demand full justice for survivors by holding these companies accountable under the law.

Critical legislation to protect direct service providers for child victims of sexual exploitation passed! US House of Representatives passed HR 1652, 384-38, on March 17 "VOCA Fix" to Sustain the Crime Victims Fund Act of 2021. This legislation is critical to fund the Children Advocacy Centers (CACs), the frontline of professionals interviewing child victims of sexual exploitation, through forensic interviews, in order to hold perpetrators responsible. The CACs also provide support services to child victims and their families. VOCA FIX also funds rape crisis centers and shelters for battered women among other victim-centered services. Your action on this effort mattered! As a result of Action Alerts, 626 supporters took action in support of HR1652. Those supporters sent 1452 emails to their representatives urging action. Thank you to those who called on Congress to pass this invaluable bill.

I stepped up to serve as Chief Executive Officer of NCOSE, while Pat continues as our President. I am extremely humbled and a bit overwhelmed, but knowing that I have

your support, your prayers, and your partnership made it easy to say yes. Thank you for building this movement with me!

THANK YOU!!!!

As you can see, NCOSE has been moving at an incredible pace this year. I'm not even sharing half of the momentum because I don't have time to write and you don't have that much time to keep reading! We must continue to capitalize on the momentum we're seeing as global technology companies, legislation, policy, and more begin to join our collective voices in calling for a world free from all forms of sexual abuse and exploitation.

Without your partnership, this work wouldn't be possible! Thank you for your endless support as we fight for that world.

Dawn Hawkins,

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