



To: Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee
From: Marion Miner, Associate Director of Pro-Life & Family Policy
Nebraska Catholic Conference
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Re: LB1083 (Transparency in Artificial Intelligence Risk Management Act)
(Support)

The Nebraska Catholic Conference advocates for the public policy interests of the Catholic Church through engaging, educating, and empowering public officials, Catholic laity, and the general public.

The Conference supports LB1083, which would encourage transparency in artificial intelligence by requiring large AI companies to write, publish, and follow public safety and child protection plans. Both components of this proposal—public safety and child protection—are important. The Conference is weighing in on this bill primarily for the child protection component.

The human person is fundamentally social and relational. Each of us is born into a world thick with relational ties that we need in order to fully develop. These relational ties—familial, cultural, social, and otherwise—protect, guide, and influence us our whole lives, but especially when we are young. They help us make sense of ourselves, of others, and of the world. The people with whom we have these ties teach us over time who we are and how to navigate the dangers, opportunities, and relationships of life with skill and attention.

The online world is a largely unregulated environment, artificially free of familiar social ties and guidance, but it is full of other actors—some human and predatory, and some increasingly of the “artificial intelligence” variety, which of course, not being a real person of any kind, have no relationship with the children and adolescents who interact with them. The promise of these products is often the mirage of a “relationship,” and when a person begins to mistake the mirage for the real there are consequences for a person’s image of self and others that carry over into real life.

Nearly all of us, younger people especially, spend a great deal of time online. It is *formative*, for better or worse. Some of the time and the experiences a child or adolescent can gain online are tremendously helpful. But this environment also carries serious risks. Increasingly common are AI “companions” or chatbots—not human and not responsible. But the creators of these AI applications are human,

are responsible, and ought to be held accountable when their products encourage a person, especially a child or adolescent, to self-harm.

This Legislature has advanced several bills in the last two years that recognize and address many dangers to children that exist online. LB1083 seems like a logical next step toward rounding out the full picture of responsible protection as we know it today. We ask that you support it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.