

# Support the Bipartisan EARN IT Act

“It should go without saying, but we need to point out that every one of our child sexual abuse images was created illegally. It is our privacy that is violated each time an image of our child sexual abuse is accessed, possessed or shared.”

– Phoenix I I

- **48%** of all CSAM flagged for removal by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection had **previously been reported** to the ISP.<sup>1</sup>
- In 2021, **29.3 million** reports of CSAM were made to the National Center on Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) CyberTipline, marking the **highest number of reports** ever received in one year.<sup>2</sup>
- According to a recent report by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection, **78%** of images and videos analyzed of online child sexual exploitation depicted children **under 12 years old**, and **63%** of those children were **younger than eight years old**.<sup>3</sup>

## About RAINN

Over the last 27 years, RAINN has served over 3 million survivors and their loved ones through the National Sexual Assault Hotline.

RAINN worked to pass the Debbie Smith Act, helping to secure over one billion dollars in funding for state and local crime labs to eliminate the DNA and rape kit backlog.

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and Lindsey Graham



The EARN IT Act will:

- Update federal statutes to use the term child sexual abuse material (CSAM) instead of child pornography. The term child pornography fails to describe the true nature of the videos and images and undermines the seriousness of the abuse.
- Remove immunity for social media and technology companies that knowingly facilitate or profit from the distribution of CSAM on their platforms.
- Establish a commission of survivors, technology representatives, and government stakeholders to create recommendations and voluntary best practices for tech companies to respond to the global pandemic of online sexual exploitation of children.

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<sup>1</sup> Canadian Centre for Child Protection Inc. (2021). *Project Arachnid: Online availability of child sexual abuse material*. Canadian Centre. [https://protectchildren.ca/pdfs/C3P\\_ProjectArachnidReport\\_en.pdf](https://protectchildren.ca/pdfs/C3P_ProjectArachnidReport_en.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, “EARN IT Act of 2022,” *National Center for Missing and Exploited Children*, January 8, 2022.

<sup>3</sup> Canadian Centre for Child Protection Inc. (2016). *Child Sexual Abuse Images on the Internet: A CyberTip.ca Analysis*. Canadian Centre. [www.cybertip.ca/pdfs/CTIP\\_CSAResearchReport\\_2016\\_en.pdf](http://www.cybertip.ca/pdfs/CTIP_CSAResearchReport_2016_en.pdf)