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March 31, 2026

The Honorable Ash Kalra
Chair, Assembly Committee on Judiciary
1020 N Street, Room 104
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2076 (Lowenthal) – Online Marketplace – Oppose unless amended

Dear Assemblymember Kalra,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write to express our Oppose Unless Amended position to AB 2076 (Lowenthal)

We appreciate the author's engagement and the recent amendments to AB 2076, which represent a meaningful step in the right direction. In particular, the removal of provisions that would have broadly restricted online marketplace sales reflects a constructive effort to better align the bill with its stated goal of protecting minors; we are grateful for the progress.

That said, we continue to have outstanding concerns with the bill as amended
March 23, 2026.

For example, the bill introduces a restriction prohibiting the use of gift cards to purchase products listed under subdivision (c). While we understand the intent behind limiting potential avenues for youth access, we believe this provision, would be more effective if approached as part of a broader set of consistent safeguards across all retail channels. Ensuring that similar transactions are treated similarly, regardless of whether they occur online or in-store would help avoid gaps in enforcement and better support the underlying policy objective.

Additionally, to promote clarity and consistent implementation, we recommended including language that explicitly confirms that the bill's associated penalties apply uniformly to all retailers. Clear statutory direction on this would help avoid ambiguity and provide businesses with greater certainty as they work to comply with the law.

We welcome the opportunity to work with the author and committee to explore practical effective safeguards that address youth access concerns without unnecessarily restricting lawful commerce or creating inconsistencies across business models but also allowing for businesses to cure potential issues.

We support policies that effectively protect minors while maintaining a level playing field for businesses and preserving lawful commerce. We believe that continued collaboration can ensure AB 2076 achieves these chares goals.

For these reasons, we respectfully maintain an Oppose Unless Amended position on AB 2076 (Lowenthal) and look forward to continuing to work with the author and the Legislature to address these concerns.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our position, please contact me, Jose Torres, Deputy Executive Director at jtorres@technet.org or 909-380-2783.

Sincerely,



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