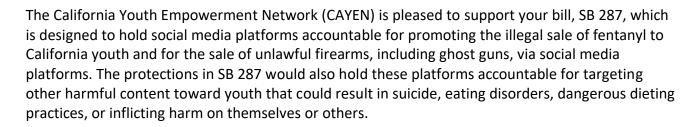
March 29, 2023

The Honorable Nancy Skinner State Senate 1021 O St., Suite Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Senate Bill 287 (Skinner)

Dear Senator Skinner,



The California Youth Empowerment Network (CAYEN) is a youth-led statewide network comprised of TAY Action Teams and CAYEN Board members which engages, empowers and represents Transitional Age Youth (TAY), ages 15-26, in mental health advocacy on issues that directly affect TAY. Since CAYEN's inception in 2006, CAYEN has taken many forms of action to empower TAY in their personal lives and spark progressive change in public policy.

We oppose the dangerous algorithms of social media platforms that direct users, including children and youth, to harmful content. Youth's accessibility to weapons, substances, and other dangerous content via social media platforms has proven to be life threatening. Senate Bill 287 takes a bold step to hold social media platforms accountable for their part in intermediating illegal activity and life-threatening youth trends.

For these reasons, we support Senate Bill 287. If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at dthirakul@mhac.org, or our Interim Director of Public Policy, Karen Vicari at kvicari@mhacofca.org.

In Community,

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