

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3704

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit threats to a minor,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 27, 2026

Mrs. MOODY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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to a minor, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Combating Online
5 Predators Act” or the “COP Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING THREATS TO A MINOR.**

7 (a) MATERIAL INVOLVING THE SEXUAL EXPLOI-
8 TATION OF MINORS.—Section 2252A of title 18, United
9 States Code, is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in paragraph (6), by striking “illegal;
2 or” and inserting “illegal;”;

3 (B) in paragraph (7), by striking the pe-
4 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

5 (C) by inserting after paragraph (7) the
6 following:

7 “(8) knowingly distributes, offers, sends, or
8 provides, in or affecting interstate or foreign com-
9 merce, a threat to distribute—

10 “(A) a visual depiction of a minor engag-
11 ing in sexually explicit conduct, or

12 “(B) a visual depiction of a person the de-
13 fendant believes is a minor engaging in sexually
14 explicit conduct,

15 with the intent that the minor, or the person the de-
16 fendant believes is a minor, create or transmit a vis-
17 ual depiction of any minor engaging in sexually ex-
18 plicit conduct,”; and

19 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “or (6)” and
20 inserting “(6), or (8)”.

21 (b) MATERIAL CONSTITUTING OR CONTAINING
22 CHILD PORNOGRAPHY.—Section 2252 of title 18, United
23 States Code, is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in paragraph (3)(B)(ii), by striking
2 “or” at the end;

3 (B) in paragraph (4)(B)(ii), by inserting
4 “or” after the semicolon; and

5 (C) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
6 following:

7 “(5) knowingly distributes, offers, sends, or
8 provides, in or affecting interstate or foreign com-
9 merce, a threat to distribute—

10 “(A) a visual depiction of a minor engag-
11 ing in sexually explicit conduct, or

12 “(B) a visual depiction of a person the de-
13 fendant believes is a minor engaging in sexually
14 explicit conduct,

15 with the intent that the minor, or the person the de-
16 fendant believes is a minor, create or transmit a vis-
17 ual depiction of sexually explicit conduct,”;

18 (2) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting “or (5)”
19 after “paragraph (4)”; and

20 (3) in subsection (c), in the matter preceding
21 paragraph (1), by inserting “or (5)” after “para-
22 graph (4)”.

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