



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Rick Scott, U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema, U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Mark Kelly, U.S. Senate
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Re: S. _ SOCIAL MEDIA Act and S. 61 Combatting Cartels on Social Media Act of 2023

Dear Senator Scott, Senator Sinema and Senator Kelly:

The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) supports the SOCIAL MEDIA Act and the Combatting Cartels on Social Media Act of 2023. We thank you for recognizing both the serious risks posed by the drug cartels, including their use of social media and other electronic-communications platforms to traffic illicit drugs, and the urgent need to improve the coordination of operations between law enforcement and communications providers. Given the torrent of information about potentially illicit drug transactions on social media, NSA applauds the fact that the bills will require the Federal Trade Commission to establish a Platform Safety Advisory Committee and the Department of Homeland Security to develop a National Strategy to Combat Illicit Recruitment Activity by Transnational Criminal Organizations on Social Media and Online Platforms. This approach will engage multiple stakeholders and experts to work on these public-safety matters. Congress needs to signal the significance of these matters and direct the right components of the U.S. government—in consultation with state, local, and private service providers and other experts—to devise specific solutions. NSA joins the Western States Sheriffs' Association in supporting these two bills. Thank you for your continued commitment to public safety and support of the nation's sheriffs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Skinner".

Sheriff Jim Skinner, Collin County, Texas
Chair, Government Affairs Committee

CC: Sheriff Greg Champagne, President
Jonathan Thompson, Executive Director