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Comments for Public Posting: The Organization for Social Media Safety (OFSMS), based in the West San Fernando Valley, is a non-profit, consumer protection organization focused on social media. OFSMS works to make social media safe for everyone through comprehensive programming that includes educating on safe social media use, advocating for public policies that protect social media consumers, and developing technology to provide real-time protection against social media-related dangers. OFSMS is proud to support this motion. As we confront emerging and escalating threats from social media and the internet generally, the pilot program uniting the LAPD's Cyber Crimes Unit and Public Library system is a long-overdue and much-needed program to keep Los Angelinos, including our youth, adults, and seniors, safe online. Social media and the internet has become increasingly complex and their related dangers are continually changing and evolving. To protect our families, we must ensure that those venturing online have up to date information on the dangers they may encounter and how to avoid or react to them.