

SAVE - Suicide Awareness Voices of Education calls on President-elect Trump to make KOSA law in first 100 days

The Kids Online Safety Act aims to protect youth from social media's mental health harms and related increases in suicidal ideation and suicide.

BLOOMINGTON, MN, UNITED STATES, December 18, 2024 / EINPresswire.com/ -- As prospects for passage of the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA) in the U.S. House failed to materialize this week, the social media safety bill for youth will not become law in 2024.

Despite this setback to protect youth from social media's mental health harms and related increases in suicidal ideation and suicide, <u>SAVE</u> - Suicide Awareness Voices of Education CEO Erich Mische called on President-elect Donald J. Trump to ensure it is signed into law in his first 100 days.

"The president-elect has shown leadership during his previous administration in suicide prevention efforts," Mische said. "He signed into law one of the most revolutionary suicide prevention tools in our lifetime, <u>988</u>, and his focus on preventing veteran suicide has become a gamechanger for so many of our nation's



Erich Mische is the executive director of SAVE -Suicide Awareness Voices of Education in Bloomington, MN.



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Mische says parents who have lost children to suicide as a

result of their interactions on social media are not giving up.

"The parents who have been in this fight long before SAVE got into the battle are not going to give up, ever," Mische said. "It's the kind of fighting spirit that President-elect Trump has applauded in other areas of public policy, and I am optimistic he will embrace that spirit and ensure that Congress sends him KOSA in his first 100 days to be signed into law."

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