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While the idea is sound in theory, in practice this would provide no additional protections while increasing liability for content providers and creating hassles for legitimate adults and opening up vulnerabilities to all manner of new phishing schemes. If a minor wished to illegally access adult materials or access adult spaces, it is trivial for them to snap a photo of their parent's ID. The simple, standard "I certify that I am 18 years of age and this content is legal in my area" is faster and more convenient while being just as effective at ensuring minors do not access the material. The requirement for verification places a tremendous administrative burden on content providers with no meaningful improvement in protections due to the ease of circumventing it with the same simple lying that minors would use to access materials under the current system.

Because of this increase in administrative complexity and liability with no tangible benefit towards its stated goal, this measure should be soundly rejected.