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At the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children we are alarmed by the continued march toward end-to-end encryption without safeguards for children.

We call on you to implement technological solutions that enhance consumer privacy while prioritizing child safety. Robust safeguards should transfer to a childs digital experience in an end-to-end encrypted environment. Without proper protections, children will be even more susceptible to potential online sexual exploitation. And countless survivors of child sexual abuse will continue to suffer knowing images depicting their sexual abuse are being shared with impunity.

We appeal to you to adopt the following *Principles to Safeguard Children in End-to-End Encrypted Environments:*

It is our collective responsibility as a society to protect our children and only you can take these steps to better protect children online. We ask you to commit to these principles and look forward to working with you in our mutual efforts to protect children.

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To learn more about end-to-end encryption and NCMEC's stance on the issue, visit MissingKids.org/e2e.

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