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To Whom It May Concern

Hello

I find attempts at restricting access to the internet with photo ID to be extremely concerning, as not only does it infringe on anonymity which has become a key part of our digital freedoms, but provides a direct threat should these systems be hacked or breached in any way. This kind of restriction could tie account names to not only real names, addresses and emails, but government-issued ID to assist in identity theft should they be stolen.

Ignoring all that, the responsibility of restricting web filtering should be the burden of the parents/carers. If the government should wish to proceed with keeping minors off the internet, they should promote a basic level of digital literacy when it comes to using filtering tools. Most routers come with parental filters, and there now exists commercial DNS services that will block requests to NSFW sites such as Cloudflare's I.I.I.3.

All of this is ignoring the facts that such regulations are easily avoided by children without requiring technical know-how. The variety of platforms that can distribute such content is vast, and to police all of it would require even more intrusive methods that I am not willing to entertain.

Please reconsider such a system, as it will do nothing at best, and actively harm citizens at worst.

Regards,