

Melania's Daring Move: The Capitol Hill Appearance That Has Everyone Buzzing

When America's children need them, congressional Democrats are missing in action, First Lady Melania Trump said Monday.

In her first Capitol Hill visit of her husband's second term, she attended a roundtable to promote the Take It Down Act, which was sponsored by Republican Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, and Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota.

The bill has already unanimously passed in the Senate, according to Fox News.

The legislation makes it a federal crime to publish, or threaten to post online, intimate images the subject does not want posted, including "digital forgeries" made by artificial intelligence.

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"I was heartened to learn that Sen. Cruz and Sen. Klobuchar united to prioritize this fundamental matter. I must admit, however, I expected to see more Democrat leaders with us here today to address this serious issue. Surely, as adults, we can prioritize America's children ahead of partisan politics," she said in a video posted to X.

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In another video posted to X, she said her purpose was “to protect our youth from online harm.”

“The widespread presence of abusive behavior in the digital domain affects the daily lives of our children, families and communities,” she told lawmakers.

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“Addressing this issue is essential for fostering a safe and supportive environment for our young people,” she continued. “I hope today’s roundtable builds awareness of the harm caused by nonconsensual intimate imagery and eventually the approval of the Take It Down Act in Congress.”

“In today’s AI-driven world, the threat of privacy breaches is alarmingly high,” she said.

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“As organizations harness the power of our data, the risk of unauthorized access and misuses of personal information escalates. We must prioritize robust security measures and uphold strict ethical standards to protect individual

privacy,” she said.

“As First Lady, my commitment to the Be Best Initiative underscores the importance of online safety. In an era where digital interactions are integral to daily life, it is imperative that we safeguard children from mean-spirited and hurtful online behavior,” she said.

First Lady Melania Trump is at the Capitol

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Elliston Berry, one such child impacted by an AI deepfake, said she was a victim when she was 14, according to the “Daily Mail,” which noted that a classmate used AI to take a picture of Berry and turn it into a fake nude of her.

“I came here today to not only promote this bill but to fight for the many survivors,” the now 15-year-old said.

“It is so inspiring to know that my voice is being heard, giving hope to not only me, to all the many people that have been affected by this. It is truly so amazing how this awful situation has turned to good,” she said.

Cruz said his office became involved in the incident.

“Elliston’s mom said she had called Snapchat, she emailed them, she tried repeatedly take this garbage down of my daughter, and she’d got no response at all, no movement,” Cruz said, reporting that Snapchat acted after he called its CEO.

“It should not take a sitting senator or sitting member of Congress picking up the phone to get a picture down or a video down. It should be the right of every American, every teenage girl victimized, should have the right to get this garbage taken down, and this bill will give them that right as a

matter of federal law," he said.

Berry and her parents will sit with Melania Trump tonight when President Donald Trump addresses a joint session of Congress.

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