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I am a senior at Ohio State University and for my Political Science class I had to do a careful study of a proposed rule. I carefully studied rule 76 FR 59804, the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act. After reviewing the COPPA and the new proposed rule I think that the Federal Trade Commission has proposed to make changes that are necessary to the current COPPA.

I am in favor of the Commission proposed rule. I think that their point about making sure the current rule stays current is very important. The COPPA was written in 2001, which according to technology would make the rule out of date. The rule would help protect the children by looking at new technology that children use like cell phones. I think that this is very important because children have access to cell phone that have internet on them. I am also in favor of the new definitions that the Commission is proposing to change. It is important to make the definitions in the COPPA more specific so that the children are covered from web services getting or sharing their information on the web. The example that the commission gave about newer technology that the current COPPA does not cover is a picture of a child. The current act says that a child is covered only if the picture is paired with some form of their information. According to the commission they would change this because new technology like face recognition can identify a child just by their picture. It is important to keep the COPPA current so that children are protected because technology is always changing.