

## S 4991

### PROTECT Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Law

**Introduced:** Sep 28, 2022

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sep 28, 2022)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 28, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Law

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Sep 28, 2022)

#### Preventing Rampant Online Technological Exploitation and Criminal Trafficking Act of 2022 or the PROTECT Act

This bill addresses the online distribution of child sexual abuse materials and the nonconsensual online distribution of pornography, including by requiring platforms to (1) verify the identity and age of the uploader; (2) verify the identity, age, and consent of the participants; and (3) establish a mechanism for the removal of an image. The bill establishes criminal and civil penalties for violations.

### Actions Timeline

- Sep 28, 2022: Introduced in Senate
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