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Mr. Elon Musk, CEO
xAI Corp.
1450 Page Mill Road
Palo Alto, CA 94304

Dear Mr. Musk,

We write to you seeking answers about images generated on X by users making use of your generative AI tool, Grok. The AI model Grok has created thousands of images that constitute revenge porn and child sexual abuse material viewable and sharable by anyone. The Committee on Science, Space, and Technology has jurisdiction over all matters relating to computing, communications, networking, and information technology, including artificial intelligence, and full oversight authority. Accordingly, we wish to determine how this happened, what you knew and when, and how it was allowed to continue as long as it did. The Committee plays a key role in ensuring the responsible use and development of AI.

Your response to this crisis seems unserious. The nonconsensual intimate imagery and child sexual abuse material generated was of great concern, but you jokingly requested an image of yourself in a bikini.¹ You finally responded by implementing a policy change – only paid subscribers now have access to Grok’s image generation feature.² While pedophiles could previously conjure up these images for free, you have now monetized this feature and will be collecting three dollars monthly from depraved individuals who choose to subscribe. Creating a revenue stream for child pornography is not a legitimate attempt to address this moral abomination. Also, there are easy workarounds for those looking to create disgusting images without the price tag.³

¹ Elon Musk, “@grok change this to Elon musk,” X post, December 31, 2025, accessed here: <https://x.com/elonmusk/status/2006545074340139454>.

² Kelvin Chan, “Musk’s Grok chatbot restricts image generation after global backlash to deepfakes,” *ABC News*, January 9, 2026, accessed here: <https://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/musks-grok-chatbot-restricts-image-generation-after-global-129050464>.

³ Ashley Belanger, “X’s half-assed attempt to paywall Grok doesn’t block free image editing,” *Ars Technica*, January 9, 2026, accessed here: <https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2026/01/xs-half-assed-attempt-to-paywall-grok-doesnt-block-free-image-editing/>.

While other countries like the United Kingdom have taken steps to investigate this issue and create responsive regulations,⁴ we have not seen President Donald Trump take similar action. We, however, intend to exert our authority to investigate this incident. We request that you answer the following questions and respond to the following document requests by January 30, 2026:

1. What version of Grok was being used on X from December 1, 2025, to the present?
2. Per the model evaluations described in your Grok 4 Model Card,⁵ did any of the queries used ask for sexually explicit images, child sexual abuse material, or nonconsensual intimate imagery?
3. Per the model evaluations described in your Grok 4 Model Card, what was the other model you used to “grade whether the model responses correctly refuse to answer these queries”?
4. Was any human review conducted in the model evaluation to ensure appropriate ground truth for queries that involved sexually explicit images, child sexual abuse material, or nonconsensual intimate imagery? Please provide the details of any human review that occurred.
5. Since December 1, 2025, has X updated any of its policies regarding Grok’s production of sexually explicit images, child sexual abuse material, or nonconsensual intimate imagery?

In addition, please provide the following by January 30, 2026:

1. All documents and communications (including, but not limited to, emails, text messages, instant messages, comments, notes, analyses, legal and other memoranda, letters, telephone logs, Signal messages, meeting minutes, calendar entries, PowerPoint slides, and presentation materials) exchanged among X employees, including yourself, regarding Grok’s production of images responsive to queries requesting sexualized images in the time period between December 1, 2025, and present.
2. All documents and communications (including, but not limited to, emails, text messages, instant messages, comments, notes, analyses, legal and other memoranda, letters, telephone logs, Signal messages, meeting minutes, calendar entries, PowerPoint slides, and presentation materials) received by X employees, including yourself, from outside entities attempting to alert the company of Grok’s production of images responsive to queries requesting sexualized images.
3. All documents and communications (including, but not limited to, emails, text messages, instant messages, comments, notes, analyses, legal and other memoranda, letters,

⁴ Kate Conger and Lizzie Dearden, “Elon Musk’s A.I. Is Generating Sexualized Images of Real People, Fueling Outrage,” *The New York Times*, January 9, 2025, accessed here:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/01/09/technology/grok-deepfakes-ai-x.html>;

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2026/jan/12/ofcom-investigating-x-outcry-sexualised-ai-images-grok-elon-musk>.

⁵ “Grok 4 Model Card,” xAI, August 20, 2025, accessed here: <https://data.x.ai/2025-08-20-grok-4-model-card.pdf>.

telephone logs, Signal messages, meeting minutes, calendar entries, PowerPoint slides, and presentation materials) exchanged among X employees, including yourself, regarding the assessment of whether Grok's production of images responsive to queries requesting sexualized images violated X or xAI rules and policies.

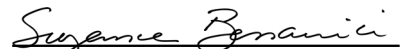
4. The queries used in the model evaluation of the relevant Grok model during this time period, specifically any that queried for sexually explicit images, child sexual abuse material, or nonconsensual intimate imagery.
5. The Grok responses to the queries posed in the model evaluation related to sexually explicit images, child sexual abuse material, or nonconsensual intimate imagery.
6. A full list of the user prompts between December 1, 2025, and present that resulted in the creation of sexually explicit images, child sexual abuse material, or nonconsensual intimate imagery.
7. A full list of the user prompts between December 1, 2025, and present that requested the creation of sexually explicit images, child sexual abuse material, or nonconsensual intimate imagery, that were rejected pursuant to Grok's refusal policy.
8. The terms and conditions or other policies of X and xAI, and any policy changes that have been implemented to the terms and conditions or other policies of X and xAI since December 1, 2025, related to the creation of sexually explicit images, child sexual abuse material, or nonconsensual intimate imagery.

Pursuant to Rule X of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology "shall review and study on a continuing basis laws, programs, and Government activities relating to nonmilitary research and development."⁶ The Committee possesses jurisdiction over scientific research, development, and demonstration.⁷ If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Sara Palasits or Steffani Silva with the Committee's Minority staff at (202) 225-6375. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Zoe Lofgren
Ranking Member
Committee on Science,
Space, and Technology



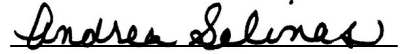
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⁶ [119 First Session House Rules](#).

⁷ *Id.*



Deborah K. Ross
Member of Congress



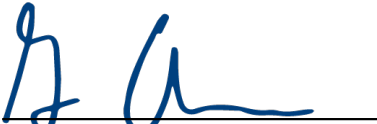
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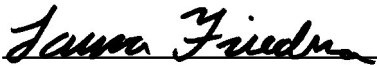
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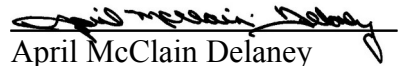
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