

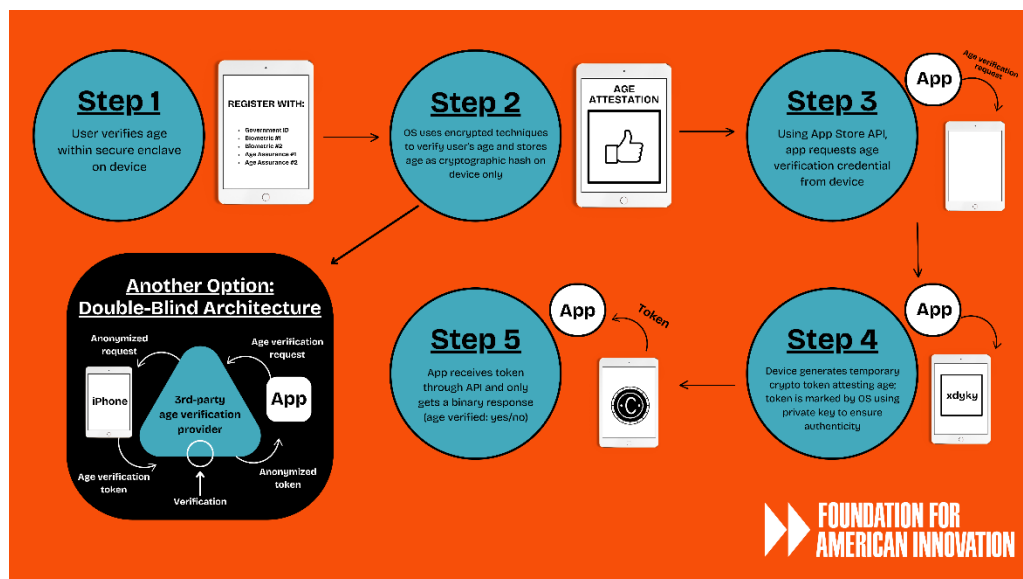
Evan Swarztauber - Good morning Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

Ahead of today's hearing on SB 180, the App Store Accountability Act, I wanted to share a [new paper](#) (also excerpted below) co-authored by me and Luke Hogg of the Foundation for American Innovation, a technology policy think tank.

In the paper, we explain how advancements in cryptography, artificial intelligence, and biometrics enable privacy-preserving age verification at the app store level. We also explain how the approach of the App Store Accountability Act has several advantages:

1. The compliance burden would primarily impact only highly-resourced and technologically sophisticated firms, primarily Google and Apple.
2. The centralized approach at the app store layer would prevent fragmentation across hundreds of thousands of different apps and avoid burdening small businesses.
3. As a content and speaker-neutral approach, SB 180 is more likely to survive constitutional scrutiny as opposed to age verification mandates that target particular types of content and speakers.

For a visual aid, see the graphic pasted below. Thank you for your consideration, and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.



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