Ladies and gentlemen, parents and esteemed guests,

We are in the digital age an age where people have a digital footprint as soon as they are born. The lives of these children will be documented photos and clips. This is a problem. This will affect the child’s safety, their privacy and make their life very competitive. With all this going on children still be happy?

Children, like the rest of us should have consent to choose the way they are represented online. They should be able to object to their parents posting things that might stain their online reputation. Let me explain in detail why children must be able to veto their parents’ social media posts about them.

Firstly, it endangers a childs safety. Parents will often leak private information such as the child’s school, where they are on the weekends. A cute clip of a tantrum when they couldn’t get something, a photo of them lying in their bed sleeping, these things can all make a child prone to bullying. This can mentally and physically, hurt a child. Bullying can give a child depression, or bruises all over the body from punches and kicks. This why children must be able to veto their parents’ social media posts about them, it endangers their child.

Also, this is a breach of the child’s privacy. A breach of the child’s privacy can lead to their online privacy being stripped away from them. Their internet safety would be low because of their parents oversharing on social media. Imagine going into an interview for a high paying job and are about to get an offer but then, they don’t give it to you. Why? Because of a video of you being a troublemaker at three years old. Let me give another example of how this could affect you when you are older. Imagine you are at a private school interview. Your parents are answering some questions, one of them is ‘Do you respect your child’s privacy?’ Your parents answer yes and then the interviewer pulls out a picture of me when you were three throwing a tantrum.

“I found this on your social media account,” says the interviewer.

“Mum, I told you not to post that,” you say face flushed.

You don’t get the offer. This is why must be able to veto their parents’ social media posts about them because they are impeding on their child’s privacy.

Children must be able to veto their parents’ social media posts about them because it can make their life competitive. I know how it feels parents when your child gets a great score on a test and you just want to talk about it online. Once you talk about the results other parents will try and beat your child on the next test with blood sweat and tears. Then they will beat you then you will put blood sweat and tears into making your child get great marks on the test and the cycle will continue. This can create many unnecessary rivalries and make friends enemies and make life way too competitive which can leave your child very tired. This is why children must be able to veto their parents’ social media posts about them as they make life competitive.

In conclusion, children must be able to veto their parents’ social media posts about them because they endanger their children, they impede on your child’s privacy and it makes life very competitive.