

June 8, 2015

Senate President Marty Looney  
Legislative Office Building  
Room 3300  
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

**RE: Thank you for taking a considered approach for HB 7017, Establishing privacy protections for student online personal information**

Dear Senate President Looney:

The issues raised in HB 7017 are ones that impact the educational development of every Connecticut student. Given the scope and nuance of the educational and privacy issues raised by HB 7017, we respectfully request the opportunity to engage in further discussions with you over the summer. Connecticut would be among a dozen other states that considered similar legislation and opted to study the legislation further in order to better flesh out the impact and approach.

We support the underlying goals of HB 7017. We were concerned that if HB 7017 passed without necessary amendments, HB 7017 could have inhibited educational technology innovation and discouraged businesses from making these services available to Connecticut students.

We welcome the opportunity to work with the legislators, the bill's sponsor, and other stakeholders on development and adoption of reasonable amendments similar to those engrossed by Maryland and Georgia legislatures. We know that together we can craft an approach that protects educational innovation and student privacy.

Thank you and please let us know if we can provide further information.

Sincerely,

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