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The Honorable Bruce Rauner
Governor of Illinois
ATTN: Jim Kaitschuk
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

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RE: Support for HB 3527, An Act Concerning Social Media Privacy of Students

Dear Governor Rauner:

We support and ask that you sign HB 3527 into law. This bill provides meaningful privacy protections for students from unwarranted access to their social media accounts by teachers and school administrators.

HB 3527 strikes the right balance between privacy and safety. HB 3527 prohibits elementary and secondary school administrators from misusing their position to compel students to expose private online accounts. At the same time, HB 3527 recognizes administrators' legitimate need to access these accounts when there are issues of safety and security.

HB 3527 is a logical addition to IL Public Act 098-0129 as it extends the same privacy protections in post-secondary schools to all Illinois schools.

Finally, by signing this bill, Illinois joins states across the country in protecting the privacy of students' online social media accounts.

These are just a few reasons why HB 3527 passed with broad bipartisan support and enjoys support from privacy advocates, online services, and your constituents.

For these reasons we ask that you sign HB 3527 into law.

We welcome any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl Szabo".

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