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Rep. Stephen Carter, Chair  
900 North Third Street  
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**RE: HB 1076, Educational Privacy**

Dear Chairman Carter:

We ask you to oppose HB 1076. This bill would constrain the tools teachers and parents use to help students and make it harder to identify students that pose a threat to themselves and others.

HB 1076 limits online services' analysis of the information it receives. On its face, this makes sense. But after looking at the impact, this is the wrong approach for Louisiana students.

***Limiting tools for teachers and parents***

HB 1076 would forbid online services from identifying students who are struggling academically. This includes:

- English teachers learning that half the students use "insure" when they should use "ensure."
- Math teachers identifying that most of the students misunderstand algebraic order of operations.
- High School teachers identifying plagiarism.

***Make it harder to identify students that pose a threat to themselves and others***

These services could alert parent and teachers if they see threatening words in a student email or post – stopping a problem before it starts.

We agree with the desire to keep our students safe and secure. However HB 1076 results in a reduction in educational tools at a time when our states need them most, our limits our ability identify troubled students. We ask you to oppose HB 1076.

Thank you for considering our views. We welcome the opportunity to further discuss our concerns with you.

Sincerely,

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