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Sen Christopher Rothfuss
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State of Wyoming Legislature
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RE: Support for 17LSO-0011 WD0.4 – Student Digital Information Privacy

Dear Chairman Rothfuss and Throne:

We write to express our support for 17LSO-0011 WD0.4 – Student Digital Information Privacy.

This Student Digital Information Privacy Act provides meaningful privacy protections for students from unwarranted access to their social media accounts by teachers and school administrators.

The Act strikes the right balance between privacy and safety. It prohibits officers or employees of a school district from misusing their position to compel students to expose private online accounts. At the same time, the Act recognizes teachers' and administrators' legitimate need to access these accounts when there are issues of safety and security.

Through this Act, Wyoming joins states across the country in protecting the privacy of students' online social media accounts.

These are just a few reasons why acts like the Student Digital Information Privacy Act have passed with broad bipartisan support and enjoy support from privacy advocates, online services, and constituents.

For these reasons we ask that you support the Student Digital Information Privacy Act.

We welcome any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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

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