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Nevada Assembly – Legislative Building
Assembly Education Committee, Room 4114
401 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701

RE: SB 463 – Student Right to Privacy/data protection bill

Dear Chair Woodbury, V-Chair Stewart, Members: Armstrong, Dooling, Edwards, Gardner, Hickey, Shelton, Anderson, Diaz, Flores, Joiner, Munford, and Swank,

We are writing with regards to the “Mock-up” Amendment No. 7218 to SB 463 dated 5/14/15. Our organization testified in support of AB 463 after listening to testimony by Senator Becky Harris regarding the bill in your committee hearing last week. However, we are now very concerned with the proposed amendment to SB 463 for several reasons:

1. No one testified in opposition to this bill.
2. No one offered a written amendment request during the hearing although Senator Harris did mention that she was going to amend the bill with “an age change from 13 to 16 and that Clark County School District might request an age change from 13 to 18”.
3. The attached amendment clearly exceeds any discussion or requests made during the hearing thereby limiting public input on such requests.

Therefore, we are requesting that you vote NO on Amendment 7218 to SB 463. While we support an amendment to change the “age” from 13 to 18 throughout the bill; we DO NOT support the deletion of Section 1.25, nor the massive proposed changes to Sections 3, 5, 6, and 7.

The intent of SB 463 was to protect a student’s right to privacy with regards to their educational records and personally identifiable information but that has been stripped from the bill. In addition, the amendment language removes parental control of this information and instead requires that local school board to review any requests by the student or parent for change to PII, data or records collected by the “school service provider”, that is unacceptable. **This amendment request should not be approved without time for public comment.**

Again, please VOTE NO on Amendment No. 7218 to SB 463.

Sincerely,

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