

February 10, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a parent of three school age sons. I am also a career teacher. I hit my twenty-year mark this year. I care deeply about my community and what goes on in it, my sons and their education, and perhaps more importantly, I care about their privacy and their data.

I'm writing to ask that you pass legislation to *strengthen data privacy* in this state and that you oppose HB 2099. Parents must retain the natural rights afforded to them and we must have the ability to opt *in* our kids, not just opt out. We must be provided clear and complete information when making decisions.

Too much data is already collected on/about our kids. This must stop. Data is the number one commodity in the world and it is also very difficult to protect. But even more so, it is just an overwhelming over-reach to collect the hoards of data in the first place. Our family, our kids, have a natural right to privacy and I *expect* the State of Kansas to *support* that at every turn. Support parents. Support kids.

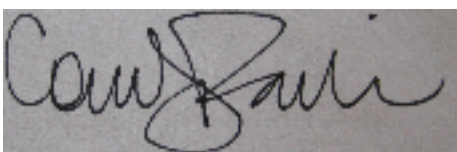
Please, do the right thing and *oppose HB 2099*. Do everything you can to protect my kids' data and thus, the sanctity of the family.

Please, stop spending a ridiculous amount of money on all this data collecting and the poor attempts at securing data. (Case in point...the multiple hacks last year during the state testing period—from *both inside and outside this country*!) I'm asking you to just stop. We work too hard for our money for the State of Kansas to spend it on this kind of thing that only serves to undermine my role as a parent. I do not want this "fixed." I only want this to stop.

Parents are turning to home schooling at an ever-increasing rate. Why? Parents turn to home schooling because of over-reaches like this on our privacy and our data. If there are not kids in public schools, then there will not be any money to fight over or any data to collect, will there? So, again, please just stop the madness and *strengthen data privacy* by opposing HB 2099.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Candace", on a light-colored background.

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