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To the House Education Committee Chair and Members

My name is Angel Lopez, and I am a resident of Providence. I write to you today in support of House Bill 7895. As written, the bill places the students at the top of the list of who benefits.

This legislation will ensure that school issued devices are set up adequately before they are offered to the student for use. Adequate Set up will address privacy issues and it gives the impression that the device is for educational purposes. Big business does the same when issuing a device to their workers to ensure the security of their networks, proprietary and client data, and maximize productivity.

The safe school software section of this bill will place an additional level of controls that will further maximize student learning when a device is being used, by preventing features like targeted advertising and addictive features like infinite scrolling. Preventing and prohibiting these types of features on school devices will strengthen cybersecurity policies, not just by diminishing impulsive and unnecessary clicks from Ads and fake news, it will also prevent student data from being shared with third parties and stolen by hackers. The software additions that are preinstalled on many digital devices purchased today also slow down devices having negative operational effects and extra data and storage use. This legislation is also extending the useful life of a school issued device.

In conclusion, The Safe School Technology Act is a path forward for public schools in the technological age. It sets expectations for parents, students, and teachers, allowing for safer and improved online habits. The standards for the devices and the software are intended to benefit the students and parents and as a result will reduce cyber security risks for every school department in the state. I highly recommend House Bill 7895 for passage.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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