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**To:** Rep. Caldwell, Justine A.; House Education Committee  
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Dear Representative Caldwell,

I strongly support the Safe Schools Technology Act. Now that we know the detriments to technology with children, we need to act and help the pendulum swing back. I am an educator with two children who attend public elementary schools in RI. I don't allow ipads or devices at home, and I am not happy that my children are on chromebooks at school. I know that if nothing changes, their use of technology in middle and high school will only grow and they will be using chromebooks for a majority of their classes. This is appalling to me, as I know that our students need more human connection and less screen time.

I am glad that this bill would allow caregivers to monitor their child's screen time while at school. I shouldn't have to worry that the school rules are more lax than my screen time rules at home. I'd also appreciate the opportunity to opt out of school issued devices being sent home. And I'm thrilled that this bill will establish more stringent requirements for the approval of any digital curriculum. As a former 4th grade teacher and now an instructional coach, I've seen schools jump on digital curriculums that are not helping our children learn. In fact, many of these digital curriculums are not actually teaching anything at all. The kids love the flashy, fast moving effects, but are passively looking at a screen and often just clicking around until they get an answer correct. This is not effective teaching!

I sincerely hope that this bill is passed. Our children will be much better off.

Thank you,

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