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Via E-Mail Delivery

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Senator Andrew Mathews  
Vice Chair, Legislative Commission on Data Practices  
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Dear Chair Becker-Finn and Vice Chair Mathews:

We are writing this letter to the Legislative Commission on Data Practices to express the concerns of our organizations regarding HF341/SF2307. This bill will be heard by the Commission on Wednesday, October 13.

Non-public schools work with contractors and staff to ensure that our student educational records and data are secure and protected. We continue to be committed to the privacy concerns and expectations of students and families.

HF341/SF2307 makes changes to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act that governs private education data on students. The legislation requires new privacy protections on technology providers and imposes new privacy restrictions. The legislation includes a unique provision and requires that non-public schools are treated the same as public schools. We have concerns about this new mandate and the implications it will have on the administration of non-public education. In short, it is unnecessary.

Non-public schools work with parents on all facets of education programming, whether it is privacy issues, curriculum, professional development, programming, etc. Our model of education is built upon the satisfaction of parents and students.

We look forward working with the Commission on Data Practices and legislators on this important issue. Please do not hesitate to contact us at [tbenz@misf.org](mailto:tbenz@misf.org) or [jadkins@mncatholic.org](mailto:jadkins@mncatholic.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Representative Peggy Scott