



Letter of Support for the SAFE Act (SB 267, Software in Education Amendments)

Utah Senate Education Committee,

We write in strong support of the SAFE Act (SB 267, Software in Education Amendments), which establishes clear safeguards to ensure digital tools used by Utah students protect privacy, strengthen learning environments, and keep families and educators in control.

Technology plays an important role in education, but many platforms were not designed with children's safety or parental transparency in mind. The SAFE Act creates balanced protections by holding technology providers accountable while preserving access to tools that genuinely support teaching and learning.

We must act now because:

Student data and privacy need stronger protections. The SAFE Act limits unnecessary data collection, prohibits commercial exploitation of student information, and requires clear security standards.

Parents deserve transparency and a voice. The bill strengthens notice requirements so families understand what tools are used and how student information is handled.

Teachers need safe, consistent standards. The SAFE Act allows educators to use technology confidently, knowing it meets clear privacy and safety expectations.

Passing the SAFE Act affirms Utah's commitment to student well-being, responsible innovation, and strong partnerships between families, educators, and policymakers.

We urge the Legislature to pass the SAFE Act and take this important step to protect students while supporting effective education.

Respectfully,

Parents, educators, and community leaders in support of the SAFE Act

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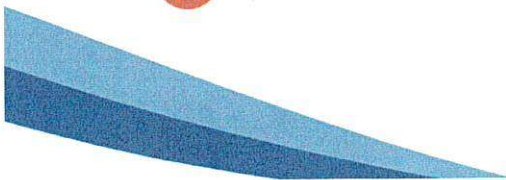
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