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Microsoft Applauds Introduction of Bipartisan Student Privacy Legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C. – April 29, 2015 – Fred Humphries, vice president of U.S. government affairs at Microsoft, issued the following statement on the Student Digital Privacy and Parental Rights Act of 2015 introduced today by U.S. Representatives Luke Messer (R-Ind.) and Jared Polis (D-Colo.):

“The legislation introduced today represents a major step forward in striking the right balance between protecting student privacy and fostering innovation in schools.

“As one of the original signers of the [‘K-12 School Service Provider Pledge to Safeguard Student Privacy,’](#) we agree that school service providers must be held accountable for protecting students’ data. Before parents will trust our technology, they need to know that we’ll protect their children’s information. The Messer-Polis bill helps to build that trust.

“We applaud both the leadership of Representatives Messer and Polis and the process they used to engage stakeholders, and we look forward to working with them as this legislation moves forward.”

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