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Subject: Outrageous database ~ Website email from Laura Belknap

Lt. Governor Bryant, It has come to my attention today that South Carolina passed a budget bill last year that included a provision for a database to track all South Carolinians from preschool to employment. I am OUTRAGED. I have several concerns with this provision. Lack of privacy guarantees and protections is just the tip of the iceberg. The potential for abuse by unaccountable overseers is another. A pile of data this size invites abuse. Furthermore, the purported goal of accumulating this data is to begin a social engineering experiment of a size never before attempted in our state--and our children have the most to lose. Impersonal piles of numbers never tell the whole story of who a person is or what their gifts are. South Carolina already does a poor job teaching students the basic 3Rs; it had surely not earned the right or the trust to do more. Make it your personal goal to overturn this before it goes any farther. Laura Belknap, parent and educator

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