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The Honorable Alan Hays
The Florida Senate
Room 320, Senate Office Building
404 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Re: SB 1588/Exemption – University and College Technology System Records

Dear Senator Hays:

We are writing to express our concerns regarding SB 1588, creating a number of public record exemptions for records relating to the security of data and information collected from technology systems owned, contracted, or maintained by a state university or college.

We aren't opposed to the purpose or intent of the proposed exemptions, Senator Hays, but believe that the bill could be amended to narrow and tighten the proposed exemption. We suggest that SB 1588 be amended to track the language in CS/SB 624 creating similar exemptions for state agencies. We worked with staff on crafting the exemptions in CS/SB 624 and believe the proposed exemptions are sufficiently specific and narrow.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns, Senator. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Petersen, President

Cc: The Honorable Andy Gardiner, President, The Florida Senate
Jon Kaney, General Counsel, First Amendment Foundation
Sam Morley, General Counsel, Florida Press Association