



Tell your lawmakers, we are #StudentsNotProducts.

By demanding protections for how students' data is handled, we can help defend minors from being surveilled in online classrooms by actors who may not have students' best interests at heart. Learn how to email or call your legislators.

Email Your Legislators:

- 1) Look up your lawmaker. For students in the U.S., use [this website](https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member) to find your legislators:
<https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>.
- 2) Address your message to your legislator (Ex: Dear Senator Padilla, Dear Representative Kiggans)
- 3) Copy and paste our sample message below, and add your full name and zip code to the signature.

Subject: Protect our kids. Pass modern child data protection laws, today.

Dear [Legislator Name],

As your constituent, I ask you to pass modern child data protection laws for our country.

When governments endorsed the use of education technologies (EdTech) during Covid-19 school closures, I thought that students were safe in online school.

But when Human Rights Watch investigated more than 150 EdTech products, recommended by 49 of the world's most populated countries, they found that most weren't safe for kids to use.

Many EdTech products surveilled children, harvested their personal data, and sent it to advertising tech companies. And we – students, parents, and teachers – were often kept in the dark.

Students depend on technology to learn, more than ever. As more students spend increasing amounts of their childhood online, their reliance on the connected world and digital services that enable their education will continue long after the end of the pandemic.

Governments and companies alike need laws to make sure that they respect students' rights, in both the physical and the online world. Enforcement of these laws will hold them accountable if they fail to do so.

I ask you to act now, and to pass modern child data protection laws. Students are priceless, not products.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Zip Code]

Call Your Legislators:

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<https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>.
- 2) Find the phone number of your legislator's office. For students in the U.S., make sure that it's their office in Washington D.C. We suggest calling between 9-5 PM Eastern Time to make sure the office is open.
- 3) Call the office. Use the script below to make sure that you clearly and concisely explain what you want the legislator to do.

Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling for Senator/Representative/Member _____.

As your constituent, I ask you to pass modern child data protection laws for our country.

Human Rights Watch recently investigated more than 150 EdTech products and found that most weren't safe for kids to use. These companies collected students' personal data and sold it to advertisers.

Governments need laws that respect children's rights, in both the physical and the online world.

Senator/Representative/Member _____ must pass modern child data protection laws.

My zip code is _____.

Thank you for your support.

