

June 6, 2008

Senator Jack Scott  
Chair, Senate Education Committee  
State Capitol  
Room 2083  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 2994 (Lieber) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Scott,

The Friends Committee on Legislation (FCL) is pleased to support AB 2994, which will be heard in the Senate Education Committee June 10.

The federal “No Child Left Behind Act” allows parents to opt out from having their children’s contact information made available to military recruiters. However, few parents or students are aware of their options. As a result, pupil’s contact information is routinely given to recruiters without their consent.

Similarly, the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test (ASVAB) is routinely administered to students without the knowledge that their personal information will be provided to recruiters. This occurs even though the Department of Defense has the ability to administer the test without having the information used for recruiting purposes. This process is known as “Option 8.”

In sum, choice that is not informed is not choice, and consent that is not informed is not consent.

AB 2994 simply puts mechanisms in place which will allow parents and students the opportunity to exercise those options which current law already allows. It does so without placing an undue burden on schools and without restricting the rights of parents and students who choose to make their information available to recruiters.

FCL urges you to affirm the rights of parents and students who do not want their personal information used for recruiting purposes without their consent by passing AB 2994.

Sincerely yours,

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Cc: Assembly Member Sally Lieber

