



Rep. Andy Josephson Introduces 2 Bills to Protect Alaskans' Privacy
Alaska Joins National, Bipartisan Effort to Empower Americans to
#TakeCTRL of Their Privacy

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JUNEAU, ALASKA – Today, Representative Andy Josephson asked his legislative colleagues in Alaska to focus on student and employee data privacy and to support his legislation.

Today's announcement is one of 17 taking place simultaneously nationwide— from Alaska to Alabama, from Hawaii to North Carolina, and from New Hampshire to New York to New Mexico—with a diverse, bipartisan coalition of elected officials and citizens coming together to tell the nation they care about their digital privacy and are willing to join together to fight for it. The message from these collective actions by the states is clear: where Congress is unwilling or unable to act to protect Americans' privacy, or takes actions that are insufficient, the states are more than willing to step up and fill the void. Together, these states have introduced a range of new legislation that includes protections for student privacy, location tracking and personal data.

The multistate effort is using the Twitter hashtag **#TakeCTRL**. You can view photos from today's event in Juneau, Alaska at www.acluak.org/TakeCTRL.

"Today, I rise in solidarity with legislators in 16 states and the District of Columbia to affirm our states' and nation's commitment to protecting Americans' privacy," said Representative Andy Josephson. "My bills are commonsense measures that will increase the privacy of students and workers."

"Everyone should have the power to decide with whom they want to share personal, private information. Privacy is not about keeping secrets; it's about taking control of our own lives," said Joshua A. Decker, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Alaska. "We thank and applaud Representative Josephson for his efforts today, which affirm that privacy remains a core value in Alaska and throughout the United States of America."

"This is a fight I am proud to say that Democrats and Republicans, progressives and conservatives will be undertaking together," Representative Josephson said. "On the issue of privacy, Americans from all over the political spectrum are truly united."

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