

## Rep Honda Reintroduces Bill Protecting Student Privacy In Military Recruiting

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WASHINGTON, DC – Representative Michael M. Honda (CA – 17), a former educator for over 30 years, introduced the [Student Privacy Protection Act, H.R. 392](#). The measure, an amendment to the No Child Left Behind Act, would direct local educational agencies to release secondary school student information to military recruiters only if a student's parent provides written consent.

Currently, parents wishing to keep children's information private must opt-out of NCLB's military recruitment provision; but many school districts have not made parents aware of this option. This measure would ensure that student information remains private unless parents proactively opt-in.

"My constituents brought this matter to my attention, expressing frustration that their children were being persistently contacted at home by military recruiters," said Honda. "They wanted to know how the military gained access to their personal contact information without their consent."

"The right to privacy is one of America's bedrock principles," continued Honda. "No one, particularly our youth, should have to ask for this right. As a former high school teacher and principal, I am particularly concerned that parents' and children's rights to privacy are being compromised. Going forward, I will do everything in my power to make sure the privacy rights of children and their families are respected."

In previous introductions of The Student Privacy Protection Act, Rep Honda has received the support of the National Education Association and the National Parent Teacher Association.