



Florida House of Representatives

May 7, 2009

The Honorable Charlie Crist
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Crist:

We respectfully request that you veto Senate Bill (SB) 462 entitled Prescription Drugs/ Electronic Monitoring/ DOH. This request is based on a well founded fear that the sensitive personal and medical information contained in such a database would be susceptible to cyber terrorists and criminals who would use such information against the citizens of Florida.

Those of us who voted against this measure felt that neither the sponsor nor the industries who support this expansion of government into the private lives of our citizens had sufficiently answered the concerns we raised about the safety and security of such a program. Unfortunately, our fears were reinforced this past week when hackers broke into a Virginia database, similar to the one proposed by SB 462, used to track prescription drug abuse. The hackers made an encrypted copy of confidential prescription drug records, deleted the original database, and are now demanding \$10 million in exchange for the return of the sensitive medical records of over 8 million Virginia patients.

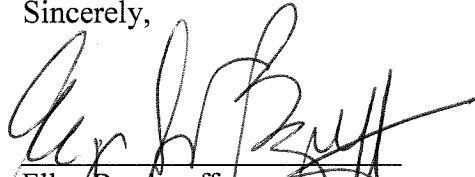
Furthermore, this is not an isolated incident. In October 2008, Express Scripts, one of the nation's largest processors of pharmacy prescriptions, was the target of an extortion attack when they received a letter threatening to disclose the personal and medical information of millions of patients if an unspecified amount of money was not received. While proponents of SB 462 promise a secure database, any online security expert will tell you there is no such thing as a completely secure database.


Preserving the right to privacy of our seniors and most vulnerable, and making sure they are protected from online criminals, should be one of our chief responsibilities. As a candidate for governor in 2006 you promised to pursue policies which guaranteed "less government and more freedom." By allowing Senate Bill (SB) 462 to become law – with or without your signature - you will expand government further into the private lives of our citizens, and seriously undermine the safety and security of Floridians' personal and private medical records.

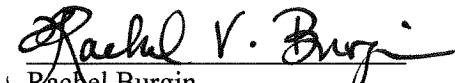
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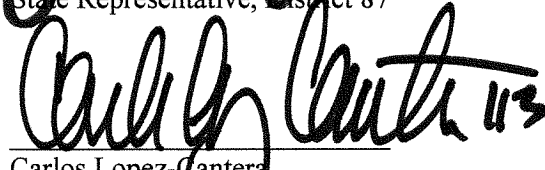
Thank you for your favorable consideration of this request. Please contact me if I can be of any further assistance.


Sincerely,

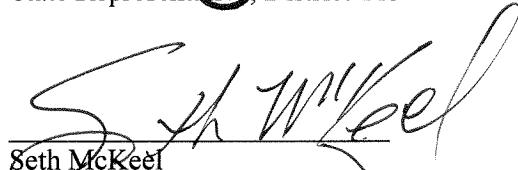

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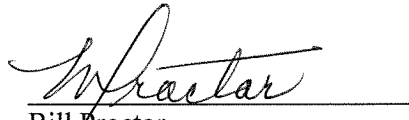

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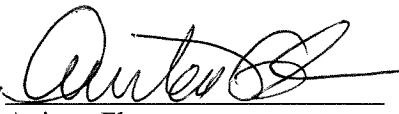

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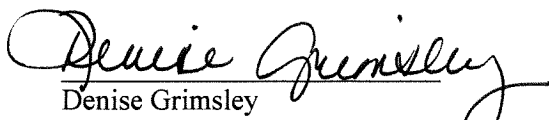

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