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For HB 2493

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We fully support making data more available to members of the public. This bill is a common sense updating of access to public information that is commensurate with technological advances.

We appreciate that the bill author covers bases where problems might have been anticipated, including a third-party contract for data management not being able to obfuscate information that should be simple and accessible to the public.

THANK YOU for this bill. We see additional opportunity to strengthen this bill to cover certain areas that are common "loopholes" exploited by government bodies, especially school districts, and encourage the committee to contact parental rights groups such as Texas Education 911 to get a sense of all the obfuscation and delay tactics they are employing.

(Personal note: An anti-transparency attitude is exemplified quite easily by a top 10 school district over over 100,000 students which refuses to release board member emails, official business text messages, and which still requires members of the public to purchase CD-Roms to produce digital data and retrieve it in person, refusing to modernize.)

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Please vote YES!!!!!!!