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To: The Honorable Chair Representative Williamson, Vice Chair Representative Gorsek, Vice-Chair Sprenger and Members of the House Judiciary Committee

RE: Position statement on HB 2866, Data Transparency and Privacy Protections

Chair Williamson, Vice Chair Gorsek, Vice Chair Sprenger, and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

As mom's we understand that not unlike ourselves, technology is a critical part of our children's lives. In some cases our children are even more fluent than we are. The rate at which they will use computers, phones, tablets, other technologies we can't even wrap our minds around today in their lifetimes is only on the rise. It's important to us to fight for issues now that will benefit our children in the long run like protecting the environment, funding education, and yes, data transparency and privacy protection. We are mom's from around the state with a shared interest: our children's safety and privacy.

Our children use applications and services everyday and yet as parents we are powerless to protect them from data collection. We don't know what data is being collected or where it's being sold. Worse yet, there are real safety concerns around geolocation and microphone technologies. Data transparency and privacy protections is about more than preventing predatory ads from being targeted to our children; it's about doing everything we can to protect their physical and emotional well being.

The last thing we want for our children is to create an opportunity for a predator to use this data to track or listen to our children just by using an everyday application or website. Not to mention, with the recent uptick in cyber bullying we worry about how data could be used against our children by their own peers. Mom's have enough to worry about, let alone whether or not someone could have access to our children's location, intimate conversations, online identity, and more as a consequence of using Facebook or having an Alexa at home. That's why HB 2866 is a *priority* for our families.

HB 2866 would give the power back to mom's like us, rather than special interests and other bad actors. That power is based in the right know, the right to access of information, and ultimately our right to privacy. The best decision you can make as a parent is an informed one. We understand the value of technology, and rely on it in our households-- but nothing outweighs the value of our children's safety from special interests, cyber bullies, and predators that could gain access to their personal information with the click of a mouse. We would do anything to protect our children, and passing this common sense legislation is a no brainer for mom's across Oregon.

We urge you to support the passage of HB 2866 on behalf of mom's like us all over Oregon. Thank you!

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