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Testimony in support of HB 3899

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Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Farrah Chaichi and I'm the State Representative for House District 35 which includes Beaverton and Aloha. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of House Bill 3899, which expands data privacy protections for my constituents and Oregonians around the state.

You may be asking, didn't Oregon pass its landmark Consumer Privacy Act (CPA) ([SB 619](#)) in 2023? The answer is yes, but that legislation left out a few crucial gaps in consumer protection law that HB 3899 will fill. These gaps include, but are not limited to: the sale of precise location data, protections for minors, and data minimization requirements.

I signed on to sponsor HB 3899 because I believe that elected officials have a responsibility to protect all Oregonians' data. We all know that our mobile devices track some of our most sensitive personal data, including where we live, work, and play. And we all know we have to accept this if we want to use devices, websites, and applications. While there have been many attempts nationwide to curb the collection of our data, Oregon's CPA is merely a drop in the bucket. I do appreciate the work that went into building consensus on that bill, including with industry. But I note that the big tech representatives that testified on the bill before us today were more concerned with policing the tone and tenor of the testimony in favor of this bill than they were with addressing the substance of the issue, **that major corporations are profiting off the selling of Oregonians' data.**

I would also note that mere days before our hearing, Amazon, one of the entities represented in testimony, [announced that it was removing the privacy protection for Echo device users](#). Amazon will now be sent everything users say into their Echo devices, or have to cease using those devices. These companies' are interested in protecting their bottom lines. Our interest in



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this legislature should be protecting Oregonians' right to privacy. Technology moves faster than our laws and we need to take action now. I will do whatever I can to ensure that this data is not sold to the highest bidder, putting families and individuals at risk.

Thank you for accepting my testimony. I encourage you to support HB 3899 and take another proactive step towards protecting Oregonians' privacy.