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To: House Committee on Judiciary From: Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) Re: In support of HB 1121 Date: May 13, 2025

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

I write today on behalf of the Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network, COIN, a coalition of over 50 local grassroots Indivisible groups throughout Oregon that work together to advance important federal and state legislation and engage with elected officials to promote progressive causes for the benefit of all Oregonians.

We strongly support HB 1121 with the -1 amendment, which make it a crime in Oregon to disclose personal information with the intent to stalk, harass, or injure another person, also known as "doxxing." We also support the exception this bill makes for very specific non-profit public media entities related to the 2023 Oregon Consumer Privacy Act.

Unfortunately, it's relatively easy for bad actors to gain access to the private information of others. Consequences for victims of doxxing include financial loss, mental health impacts, reputational damage, and even physical safety for oneself and one's family. <u>Millions of Americans are the victims</u> of doxxing. It's time to add protections beyond relatively minor civil penalties (which create additional burdens for the victims). Doing such harm to others, intentionally, should have criminal consequences.

Further, as we <u>read reports about the consolidation of Americans' private information</u> and data by DOGE under the current administration, potentially creating unprecedented access to everything from our tax information to medical diagnoses, it's even more critical that Oregon takes action to protect our right to privacy.

We thank the members of Oregon's Legislature who have worked to bring this bill forward and get it to the Governor's desk!

Respectfully,

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