

TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary
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RE: Support SB 1587
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Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the committee,

Oregon Food Bank's mission is "to eliminate hunger and its root causes... *because no one should be hungry.*" Here's the reality we face: hunger in Oregon is already at crisis-levels, but this will continue to worsen as immigrants are deprived of basic needs and face intimidation, deportation, and family separation.

The families we serve are terrified– terrified to go to work, terrified to get medical help, terrified to find food to feed their families. Families should never feel that seeking food is more dangerous than forgoing food. When immigrant communities are targeted, families struggle, our economy suffers, and critical systems are pushed to a breaking point.

To effectively keep Oregonians safe, Oregon leaders need to address the fact that these attacks stand on the exploitation and weaponization of Oregonians' sensitive data. Government acquisition of private, personal information has always been subject to safeguards– this is in order to uphold the peoples' reasonable right to privacy and ensure that information used for enforcement is credible. This is called due process. However, private actors, such as data brokers, are not subject to the same safeguards. And right now, data brokers are buying and selling Oregonians' private data– contracting with immigration enforcement to provide information that is then used to separate families and inflict violence upon our neighbors. We cannot allow this bypassing of the legal process to continue unchecked. Clear parameters are needed in order to keep our neighbors safe and to make sure we have control over our own data.

That is why we urge you to pass SB 1587, which would prevent private data brokers from selling personal data to enforce civil law, except pursuant to a court order. It does not impede the enforcement of civil law. In fact, it demands due process be followed and prevents reckless reliance on unverified information from private brokers who are more interested in maximizing profits than in the safety and wellbeing of our communities.

SB 1587 is part of the 2026 Immigrant Justice Package and is backed by a broad coalition of immigrant justice advocates, civil liberties groups, unions, and community based organizations. We urge you to rise to this moment and support these community-led policies to protect the freedoms of all Oregonians.

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