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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1587

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 1587.

Personal data is just that, Personal. As a former hospital administrator, I have seen the harm patients have experienced from the misuse of personal data. Please support SB 1587 as it restricts data sharing by prohibiting data brokers from selling or providing brokered personal data for the purposes related to civil law enforcement and unless a court issues an order or judicial warrant. SB 1587 also provides legal recourse if a data broker violates this prohibition. Individuals can file a lawsuit to seek economic and noneconomic damages. SB 1587 directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services to impose civil penalties on data brokers who violate the law.

Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the work that you do on behalf of the people of Oregon. I urge you to vote in favor of moving this bill, SB 1587, out of committee and onto the senate floor where, hopefully, it will be passed into law.

Sincerely,

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