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My name is Rebecca and I live in Washington County. I am writing testimony on behalf of my fellow Oregonians and neighbors, including our immigrant community. I work with the immigrant community and have seen directly the innumerable fears and terrors they are experiencing in this moment. I am in strong support of SB 1587.

Immigrant Oregonians, our families, and communities have been targeted by violent, lawless ICE sweeps resulting in community-wide fear and devastating family separations. No family should have to plan for parents being torn from their children.

These reckless federal attacks demand a strong, unified response. Oregonians know we are stronger together. When immigrant communities are targeted, families struggle, our economy suffers, and critical systems are pushed to a breaking point.

SB 1587 would help prevent our state's own data from getting into the hands of immigration enforcement through data brokers. Some data brokers have contracted with federal immigration enforcement to provide information about people that is then used to assist in their efforts to separate families, and they can get some of this information from Oregon's own public bodies.

I have been heartbroken and deeply angered to see the horrible, often fully illegal, tactics used by ICE to kidnap people and detain and deport them with little to no recourse. These actions are harming all of us and creating lasting fear and trauma in our communities. Knowing that my data that my government holds could ever be sold to help people terrorize myself and my community is a horrible thought. This is not condonable behavior. Our data should not be sold to the highest bidder by the government we pay for and vote for. Please protect our communities in Oregon and our current and future privacy and safety by voting to pass SB 1587. Below are some data points that are particularly relevant to this issue.

From Georgetown Law, Center on Privacy and Technology's report: Data-Driven Deportation in the 21st Century

? ICE has built its surveillance system by crossing legal and ethical lines, leveraging the trust that people place in state agencies and essential service providers to tap their data, and exploiting the vulnerability of people who volunteer their information to reunite with their families.

? There are multiple states - Oregon included - that have historically sold information to data brokers. Such information can then get into the hands of federal immigration enforcement if the state is not careful;

? The state has the authority to use and/or disclose our own data in alignment with our values, and dictate the purposes for which our own information is shared;
? Most Americans probably do not imagine that their information is captured by ICE's surveillance networks. However, ICE has used face recognition technology to search through the driver's license photographs of around 1 in 3 (32%) of all adults in the U.S. Additionally, they have scanned the driver's license data of 3 of 4 adults in the US.

This bill will help Oregonians limit the sharing of our state's data to brokers who could then share the information with agencies who are enforcing federal immigration law.

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. I urge you to support these community-led policies to protect the freedoms of all Oregonians.

Thank you