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The unfortunate reality is that our immigrant communities are being targeted, threatened, harassed, and worse. These harms are made possible by the exploitation and weaponization of sensitive data. SB 1587 will remedy that.

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.

I 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 well-being of our communities.