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Chair Prozanski and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 1587. Some of you may recall Admiral John Poindexter, a Reagan era national security advisor, who proposed the "Total Information Awareness" program, a massive population surveillance effort to aggregate data from multiple government and commercial sources to "prevent" domestic terrorism. Fortunately, Congress specifically defunded that effort before it could go very far.

So, I ask you to think about it. How does the current federal administration define who a "domestic terrorist" is? Given recent well-publicized instances of senior federal officials using the term, how would such aggregated data be used to punish free speech?

Oregonians need and deserve protection from rogue ideologues who are willing to use aggregated data for pernicious and unconstitutional purposes.

Protect us! Pass SB 1587 asap and vote for it on the floor of the Senate.

Thank you,
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