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On Behalf Of:

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SB1516

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, members of the Committee,

I am a lifelong Oregonian living and working in Eugene as a cybersecurity professional with a degree in computer science. I have testified before the Eugene City Council and Florence City Council many times about the dangers of Automatic License Plate Readers as a warrantless mass surveillance technology.

I'm concerned about the misuse of Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR) data and the serious risks it poses to Oregonians' privacy and safety – particularly for political activists, immigrants, refugees, and those accessing reproductive healthcare.

In Oregon and across the country ALPR data has been accessed by ICE, CBP, and other unauthorized agencies, and there are documented cases of ALPR data being used to target people accessing abortion services, for personal stocking, and other illegal, inappropriate or unconstitutional uses that are too easy to abuse.

We ask that this bill include 3 things: Clear prohibitions on access by federal and out-of-state law enforcement agencies; Strong data-security requirements, including for data to be protected with end-to-end encryption with customer owned keys; and Strict data retention limits less than 30 days. A 30-day retention period would allow the accumulation of large data troves that endanger vulnerable communities for longer than what is needed to alert law enforcement about vehicles on hot lists.

Thank you for your time.