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Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, members of the Committee, my name is [Your Name], and I live in [City], Oregon.

Personal Connection: I am concerned about how Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR) data can be used in ways that put vulnerable Oregonians at risk. ALPR systems are powerful surveillance tools, they do not simply read license plates, but record where a vehicle was, when it was there, and store that information in a searchable database that can reveal patterns of movement over time.

In Oregon and across the country ALPR data has been accessed by ICE, and there are documented cases of ALPR data being used to target people accessing abortion services.

That means this technology can reveal where someone works, worships, protests, seeks healthcare, or visits family.

For immigrant families, protestors, and people accessing reproductive healthcare, that kind of tracking creates real fear.

Oregon has made a clear promise through the Sanctuary Promise Act that state resources will not be used to support federal immigration enforcement. Surveillance tools like ALPR must not become a backdoor around that promise.

To protect our communities, this amendment must include three essential safeguards:

Clear prohibitions on access by federal and out-of-state law enforcement agencies unless authorized by an Oregon judicial warrant;

Strong data-security requirements, including end-to-end encryption to prevent misuse or unauthorized access;

Strict data retention limits shorter than 30 days to reduce the risk of long-term tracking and abuse.

Without these protections, this technology could be used in ways that harm immigrant communities and undermine Oregon's values.

No one should be afraid to drive their children to school, attend church, go to a protest, or seek healthcare because their movements are being tracked.

I urge you to strengthen SB 1516 to fully protect vulnerable Oregonians.

Protect the people of Oregon by rejecting the use of the panoptic ALPR, we don't need this surveillance to be safe or to effectively enforce the laws of Oregon.