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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1516

I am a constituent in 97702 writing to express serious concerns about SB 1516.

This legislation authorizes infrastructure capable of generating continuous time and location histories of people's movements. That is not a minor policy choice. It is the creation of a surveillance framework that, once deployed, will be difficult to meaningfully limit.

If the state proceeds, the statute must contain clear, enforceable constraints. Data retention should be strictly capped and not left open ended. End to end encryption must be explicitly defined in law so that vendors do not retain access to collected data. Use of the system must be limited to investigation of serious crimes, not minor offenses or broad exploratory searches.

Technology does not remain static. Software integrations and vendor partnerships expand capabilities over time. Guardrails that rely on current vendor representations are not durable. The limits must be statutory, specific, and enforceable.

Oregonians deserve clarity about who can access this data, under what standards, for how long it is stored, and what oversight mechanisms exist to prevent misuse. Without those protections written directly into the bill, SB 1516 risks authorizing surveillance capacity without adequate civil liberty safeguards.

I urge careful reconsideration of the bill in its current form and support only if strong statutory protections are restored.