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RE: HB 139 Testimony

I have a concern about HB 139. I can understand its appeal, but I am worried that it really represents a "trophy" for the State Archives Department. Certainly, some information is necessary, but I think the law already provides processes to address those concerns. If there are some gaps in the law allowing access to needed information. This Bill should be narrowed to address this specific need.

We are now in a time where most people's information is far too accessible to people with ad intentions. Evidence by all we have heard so much about. Today we spend a lot of time and money to protect our data from cyber-attacks, including the constant barrage of solicitations by telephone. The constant expansion of computer/digital competency added to the continuous evolving use of "robots" leads me to believe that we need more data protection, not less.

An example of that is the use of "your mother's maiden name," as a security measure. I was asked that by the Ohio State Bar Association computer just last week. I imagine with this "dump" of additional information, the "bad guys" will be that much closer to building a digital clone of you and me. That then bootstraps them into the ability to do bad things. This kind of information can be used to give a personal touch to an otherwise unavailable personal touch to the individual whose identity has been stolen.

I read the Wall Street Journal daily and read the legitimate future expectations of what will be constructed digitally. I am sure the Committee is aware of this and knows that this construct will be a lot more prevalent and detailed than we can imagine today. Most of this data was collected in a legal proceeding rather than voluntarily provided. Thus, I do not think it should ever be fully opened to the public. Believe me when I say that this data will be gathered, sorted, and categorized in a way the individual never anticipated or agreed to.

Finally, its hard to imagine a more misdirected bill given what we know about data misuse. I would urge you to refine this bill to specific needs rather than a carte blanche opening to the public.

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