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Honorable Members of the Committee:

My name is Julia Parsley and I was involved in an automobile accident on April 28th at approximately 5:00 pm. Within 30 minutes on the same day as the accident, I began to receive several phone calls from auto body shops, chiropractors and attorney firms. When I asked how they knew I was involved in an accident, each concurred because the accident is public record. I am listed on the Do Not Call list and was not happy to be solicited. The next day the calls continued and some were from the exact same callers. I began receiving mail on the day after the accident which was a Saturday – I don't know how quickly you usually get mail, but to have an accident at 5:00 pm on a Friday and receive mail the next day, a Saturday, is almost unheard of and all from Attorney firms. All said mail included a copy of the accident report. I was shocked to see the following information included on the accident report, which was public record, for anyone to find simply by entering the date of an accident:

- Full Name - Date of Birth – Age - Gender
- Address
- Phone Number
- License Plate Number - make, year, model, color and VIN number of the vehicle
- Insurance Company and Policy Number

This same information was included for the other person involved in the accident.

These are the concerns I have regarding personal information being included on information considered as "public record:"

1. Anyone can see this information regardless of the reason for the request – it is not secure.
2. Identity fraud – the information provided is more than enough for someone to use to create a fraudulent account.
3. Someone could come to my home – they have the address – look for my vehicle – they have the information – and break into my home to steal from or harm me (my gender is listed). They have my phone number which is another way to harass me.
4. If someone was hiding from a person they had a restraining order against – this information could very well cause someone physical harm.

I believe this information should not be readily available for anyone to see as public record. I think you should have to have reason and permission for the information to be given out. We do not live in a world where our information is safe even from those we feel are the most reliable and secure.

Please consider the bill before you and work help protect your constituents safe physically, mentally and emotionally. We have a right to say to whom we want to receive phone calls. We have a right to keep our private information secure and safe. We need changes made to protect us all. Police reports are available from the Ohio Department of Public Safety – how is this department keeping me safe?

Thank you for your consideration and I want to thank Senator Kunze for addressing this extremely important issue and fighting for the citizens of our great State of Ohio.

Respectfully Submitted,



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