

**House Judiciary**

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**HB26-1037 Ban Gov Purchase of Personal Data from Third Party**

**Typed Text of Testimony Submitted**

<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
Gary Travis  For  themselves	HB26-1037 is an excellent bill for protecting the rights of Colorado citizens under the 4th Amendment of the US Constitution.  Please support this bill.
Matt Slaby  For  themselves	Esteemed Committee Members:  My name is Matt Slaby. I am an attorney and a journalist residing in Denver, Colorado. As a young intern with U.S. News & World Report, I sat through Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' testimony to the United States Senate Judiciary Committee where he spoke in favor of the renewal of the USA PATRIOT Act. At the time I found his testimony, and the Act's subsequent renewal, deeply alarming. It marked the launch trajectory of a country willing to trade the fundamental rights of its people for some abstract notion of security. Attorney General Gonzales implored the Committee to consider its renewal as one might consider a trust fall. His skeptics, myself among them, feared a future where an unchecked executive authority paired with rapidly advancing technologies could vitiate Constitutional rights, chief among them our long-sacred security to our "persons, houses, papers, and effects" under the Fourth Amendment.  Sadly, the tea leaves that many of us read in 2006 have borne out in 2026. Ordinary people now face an increasingly unchecked executive authority that has been interwoven with technological

	<p>tools of surveillance so powerful that most of our intentionally private lives are now commodities on a public market. This includes things like our conversations, the entirety of the information we consume, our every movement, our unique genetics, the interiors of our homes, and even the markers of our physical appearance. The purveyors of this data, much like Attorney General Gonzales, regularly market the development of these commodities as minor incidental costs to pay in exchange for a great utopian future. Unfortunately, these same entities have quietly made hay with big data, routinely selling it to the highest bidder in order to enrich a class that increasingly seems unencumbered by the process of law.</p> <p>While the private sale of this information is already markedly insidious, its sale and transfer among state powers is even more so. I am writing today in support for HB26-1037 as a necessary (albeit insufficient) reinforcement to our constitutional Fourth Amendment right. Neither law enforcement nor any state power should have carte blanche to ignore these protections simply because of the fig leaf provided by the private sale or transfer of our equally private information. Please count me among your constituents strongly in favor of seeing this legislation passed from committee for a full and fair vote on its merits.</p>
<p>John Watson For themselves</p>	<p>I am a law abiding citizen, and I do not appreciate my personal information being used against me for government tracking. This is warrantless data harvesting, and a violation of my fourth amendment rights. That is why I urge you to support HB 26“1037!</p>
<p>Kendra Christian For themselves</p>	<p>I write in support of this bill. This bill is necessary to protect our fundamental freedom and personal liberty, which have been usurped by unchecked and illegal surveillance of the individual by private corporations and the government itself. The unscrupulous gathering of data without the individuals full knowledge and consent or by forced consent by means of participatory requirements in daily life is contrary to liberty and a violation of the 4th amendment of the Constitution. I encourage a yes vote on this bill.</p>

<p>Cari Micala</p> <p>For themselves</p>	<p>I urge members to vote YES on HB26-1037. Private data, including that obtained through AI and surveillance cameras, should not be available to the government or any other third parties without a valid warrant. Passing this measure allows for protection of citizens constitutional rights and protects misuse of personal and privacy data obtained through illegal and unjust means.</p>
<p>Taylor Kirkegaard</p> <p>Against themselves</p>	<p>Chair and Members of the Committee,</p> <p>My name is Taylor Kirkegaard, and I am here to respectfully oppose the bill that would ban government purchase of personal data from third parties.</p> <p>I want to share my experience because this type of data access was critical in helping my case. While working at my job, I was sexually assaulted by a customer at the self-checkout area. The incident was extremely traumatic, and when law enforcement began investigating, we learned that the surveillance footage did not clearly show the perpetrator's face. There was no reliable visual identification, and without another way to identify him, the investigation would have stalled.</p> <p>What helped move my case forward was the fact that I remembered which self-checkout station he used. The third-party data allowed investigators to find his information through the transaction made at that machine. Because of access to this data, my case did not stop at "we don't know who this is." It gave law enforcement a tool to identify the person when traditional evidence was not enough.</p> <p>After the assault, this individual continued coming back into the store. Each time I saw him, I felt scared, anxious, and unsafe in my workplace. I began to dread going to work because I did not know if I would encounter him again. Not knowing who he was, or</p>

	<p>having any way to stop him from returning, made an already traumatic situation even worse.</p> <p>Because investigators were able to identify him using the third-party data, I was able to obtain an order of protection against him. That step was essential in helping me regain a sense of safety and begin to feel comfortable returning to my job. Without the ability to identify him, I would not have had that protection or peace of mind.</p> <p>This bill would remove an investigative option that can be essential for victims in situations like mine, especially when video or eyewitness evidence is limited. I urge you to consider the real impact this legislation could have on victims seeking safety and accountability, and to vote NO on this bill.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Respectfully, Taylor Kirkegaard</p>
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