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Cc: Sen Johnson
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Good day,

I would like to apologize for not attending in person.

I am an employee of the city of Portland and as such I am subject to a relies of information, and it has come up several times. As a taxpayer of Oregon and a city employee I understand the need for transparency however in today's age of technology and cybercrime I believe it is beyond time to reevaluate what types of information is released to the public.

In my case in the last 10 years the big events involving my personal information have been: Equifax, the FBI (background check), and the VA. All of these institutions have lost my personal information and what do I hear? I'm sorry.

As we all know when applying for anything or changing address or etc.. You need your name, birthdate, employer, gross wages, date of employment, address, ssn. So for fun I challenge the committee to try this on their own.

Google you name : you get things like people finder and they provide names and family members and for a small fee address.

Request for information (from the city): date of hire, gross wages, legal name.

Ancestry.com: family members and birthdates and locations.

The only thing not found with google (or any other legal search engine) is you ssn. Now comes the Lost information regardless of how. The dark web ?

It's easy for people to take the easy way out and just say "that's just the way it is and if you don't like it you don't have to work here" but every time your information gets lost you need to pay someone to monitor your info and that comes from your pocket and that doesn't guarantee you won't have your identity stolen. Should that happen now you have to get legal help and fight every time you turn around to say that's not me. I would like to say I don't have to worry about money but let's face it everything is more expensive and raises don't show up every day.

In the end corporations make money on your info and lose your information and you end up holding the bag by yourself trying to figure out how to fix all of this.

The only thing in this world that I have any control of is my name, its mine the day I'm born and it is mine throughout life to make of it what I can good or bad and it's the only thing I get to take with me when I die.

Please help change the law to protect the employees that help make life better for all.

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