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Dear Ms Wicks:

I am concerned about privacy. I remember the first public study in which search histories were used to identify people. This now seems very quaint. I also know someone who has written code his company embedded into 40 million phones to actively hear what people were watching and serve ads. The abuse of browsing data by the five big companies occasionally makes news and generates fines both in Europe and here but overall the drive to collect data has moved very fast and regulation remains far behind. Federally, rules are now anathema and the Obama era FCC privacy rules were revoked in early 2017 leaving the states to act. I am pleased to see that a consumer privacy act passed last year, AB 1395 restricting smart speakers has substantial support and you have written AB 1760 to tighten up last years act. Unfortunately something (maybe the lure of corporate money and public disinterest) has turned most of your committee to supporting AB 25, 846, 981 and 873.

*Thank you for your continued strong support for privacy with AB 1760.*

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from our sensible progressive government.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson