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Dear Senator Skinner:

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 shows 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 here last year, some bills are moving forward in the Assembly and SB 561 has General Becerra's support and is still alive in the Senate. Unfortunately, the huge profits this data abuse is generating in California are leading to political headwinds.

Please assure me that you will support privacy with SB 561.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson