



Support of SB 792
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Good Afternoon Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Heard, and Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife Recovery.

For the record, my name is Royce Bowlin, and I'm the Executive Director of the Oregon Alliance. I'm here in support of SB792.

The Alliance is a non-profit dedicated to championing and advocating for the health and well-being of children, families and communities across Oregon. Our members are a diverse and growing set of knowledge-driven organizations who advocate for and serve Oregon's kids and their families at home, at school, in residential settings and within the community.

Late last year, I was contacted by Margaret Maddron who is a member of Power Hooker Tackle, LLC. Their business requested information about license holders from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for marketing purposes.

They reached out to the Alliance out of concern that the names, ages, gender and addresses of children were included. This information is available to anyone at all through a public records request. Margaret is a licensed school teacher and has a sense of obligation to look after the safety of our young people.

As a parent of an adolescent, I would be disturbed to see my son's information out there. I think most parents would agree with me.

I reached out to Senator Gelser who did the research and introduced SB792 to create a statutory change allowing the information about children under 16 to be withheld.

I urge you to support SB792.

Thank you,

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Oregon Alliance

