A version of this will be posted on the Take Action Network Indivisible Plus: Washington State Facebook page tomorrow (March 3).

Demand good privacy legislation

Two bills we have already sent out action alerts on are heading to the House floor. While there have been some improvements, the bills are still not strong enough:

- SB 6280 still allows government use of facial recognition with no meaningful regulation, let alone the moratorium so many groups are asking for
- SB 6281, the so-called "Washington Privacy Act", still does not protect consumers or hold companies accountable. https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/badly-flawed-data-privacy-bill-does-not-protect-consumers-or-hold-companies-accountable/ has the details.

So now is a great time to contact your state legislators and ask them to **OPPOSE SB6280 an SB6280 as written -- and work to strengthen them.**

- One easy way to do this is to call the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000 (TTY for Hearing Impaired 1-800-635-9993). Give your name and address, so they know how to send the message to, and then say something like "I am asking my representatives to OPPOSE SB 6280 and SB 6281 as written." You can also call your legislators' offices directly,
- If you prefer email, the addresses are available at https://app.leg.wa.gov/MemberEmail/ [If you're not sure who your legislators are, https://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder/ lets you look it up. Make sure the subject is Please OPPOSE SB 6280 and SB 6281
- And you prefer a web interface, the links are https://app.leg.wa.gov/pbc/bill/6280 and https://app.leg.wa.gov/pbc/bill/6281 . Make sure to click on the "Verify district" button, and select **Oppose** as your position.

The most important thing is to let them know how you feel about the bill, so keeping it short is fine: "OPPOSE SB 6280 and SB 6281 as currently written, and work to strengthen them." If you want to say more that's great; there's a sample template below with a few more sentences (feel free to cut-and-paste and use it directly or as a starting point for email or the web form). Another good approach is to talk about why privacy is so important to you or your family members.

And one more request: please help get the word out about this! This is legislation that affects all of us, and large advertising and tech companies are spending a lot of money to try to get it passed. So let's ask our legislators to work for *us*, not the tech companies.

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Sample script:

Please oppose SB6280 and SB6281 as currently written. We need strong regulation that protects our privacy, not window dressing. And please listen to the communities who will be harmed the most by facial recognition, and adopt a moratorium until we know how to regulate it..