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# **RESOLUTION NO.**

[Opposing California State Senate Bill No. 753 (Stern) - Targeted Advertising Loophole to the California Consumer Protection Act]

Resolution opposing California State Senate Bill No. 753, authored by Senator Henry Stern, which would amend Civil Code, Section 1798.140, also known as the California Consumer Protection Act of 2018, to permit disclosure of personal information for the purpose of serving and displaying advertising.

WHEREAS, The California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 ("CCPA") was passed by the State Legislature and signed by Governor Brown on June 28, 2018, and is expected to greatly enhance privacy rights and consumer protections for all California residents when it becomes effective on January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Among its provisions, the CCPA provides California residents with the right to know what personal information is being collected about them, to know whether their personal information is sold or disclosed and to whom, to deny the sale of their personal information, to access personal information collected about them, and to ensure consumers have access to equal service and price even if they exercise their privacy rights; and

WHEREAS, The CCPA applies to any business, including any for-profit entity that collects consumers' personal information and either has annual gross revenues of \$25 million, possession of personal information of 50,000 or more consumers, or that earns more than half of its annual revenue through the sale of consumers' personal information; and

WHEREAS, The CCPA was signed into law in the wake of the European Union's landmark General Data Privacy Regulation ("GDPR"), which included the most significant updates to data privacy regulation in Europe in 20 years; and

WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 753 ("SB 753"), authored by State Senator Henry Stern, would significantly undermine the CCPA and create a vast targeted advertising

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loophole by permitting the disclosure or sharing of personal information between businesses or third parties pursuant to adhesion or click-through contracts for the purpose of advertising to consumers on internet websites; and

WHEREAS, SB 753 has been met with opposition from technology industry executives who recognize that the bill would undermine critical safeguards to protect consumers from the abuse of their personal information and that it would stifle healthy innovation in the tech sector; and

WHEREAS, SB 753 flies in the face of the high standards set forth in the CCPA, which allow for innovation while protecting private individuals from unwarranted and unnecessary access to, disclosure and sharing of their personal information; and

WHEREAS, SB 753 is also contrary to the principles set forth in San Francisco's own Privacy First Policy, including principles requiring informed consent and discouraging the unnecessary or potentially harmful collection, storage, sharing or use of sensitive demographic information, which voters adopted in November 2018 by an overwhelming majority vote; and

WHEREAS, There is no technical need, business justification, or justifiable authorization for the mass distribution of personal information for online advertising and auditing; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco opposes the SB 753 targeted advertising loophole, which would gravely undermine the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018, San Francisco's Privacy First Policy and the privacy rights of all California residents; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Senator Stern, San Francisco's State Legislature Delegation, and to Governor Newsom.

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#### AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 4, 2019

# SENATE BILL

No. 753

#### Introduced by Senator Stern

#### February 22, 2019

An act to amend Section 1798.135 of the Civil Code, relating to privacy. An act to amend Section 1798.140 of the Civil Code, relating to privacy.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 753, as amended, Stern. California Consumer Privacy Act. California Consumer Privacy Act: definition of sale: advertisement service exception.

Existing law, the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018, beginning on January 1, 2020, grants a consumer various rights with regard to personal information relating to that consumer that a business collects, discloses for a business purpose, or sells, as provided. The act defines various terms for these purposes. The act defines the terms "sell," "selling," "sale," or "sold" to mean selling, renting, releasing, disclosing, disseminating, making available, transferring, or otherwise communicating orally, in writing, or by electronic or other means, a consumer's personal information by the business to another business or a third party for monetary or other valuable consideration. The act provides that, for purposes of the act, a business does not sell personal information in specified circumstances, including, among other exceptions, when the business uses or shares an identifier for a consumer who has opted out of the sale of the consumer's personal information for the purposes of alerting third parties that the consumer has opted out of the sale of the consumer's personal information. The act imposes certain responsibilities on the Attorney General in connection with the

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act, including the creation of regulations and providing guidance on how to comply with the act.

This bill, additionally, would provide that, for purposes of the act, a business does not sell personal information if the business, pursuant to a written contract, shares, discloses, or otherwise communicates to another business or third party a unique identifier only to the extent necessary to serve or audit a specific advertisement to the consumer. The bill would require the contract to prohibit the other business or third party from sharing, selling, or otherwise communicating the information except as necessary to serve or audit advertisement from the business.

Existing law, the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018, beginning on January 1, 2020, grants a consumer various rights with regard to personal information relating to that consumer that is held by a business, including the right to direct the business not to sell the consumer's personal information. The act requires a business that sells consumers' personal information to 3rd parties to provide notice to consumers that this information may be sold and that consumers have the right to direct the business to not to sell this information. The act requires the business to comply by, among other things, providing on its internet homepage a specified link that enables a consumer to direct the business not to sell the consumer's personal information and including that link with a description of a consumer's specified rights in any of the business's online privacy policy or policies and any California-specifie descriptions of consumers' privacy rights.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the provision detailing those compliance requirements.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no yes. State-mandated local program: no.

#### *The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 1798.140 of the Civil Code is amended 2 to read:

3 1798.140. For purposes of this title:

4 (a) "Aggregate consumer information" means information that 5 relates to a group or category of consumers, from which individual 6 consumer identities have been removed, that is not linked or 7 reasonably linkable to any consumer or household, including via

a device. "Aggregate consumer information" does not mean one 1 2 or more individual consumer records that have been deidentified. 3 (b) "Biometric information" means an individual's 4 physiological, biological or behavioral characteristics, including 5 an individual's deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), that can be used, 6 singly or in combination with each other or with other identifying 7 data, to establish individual identity. Biometric information 8 includes, but is not limited to, imagery of the iris, retina, 9 fingerprint, face, hand, palm, vein patterns, and voice recordings, · 10 from which an identifier template, such as a faceprint, a minutiae 11 template, or a voiceprint, can be extracted, and keystroke patterns .12 or rhythms, gait patterns or rhythms, and sleep, health, or exercise 13 data that contain identifying information.

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14 (c) "Business" means:

15 (1) A sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, 16 corporation, association, or other legal entity that is organized or 17 operated for the profit or financial benefit of its shareholders or 18 other owners, that collects consumers' personal information, or 19 on the behalf of which such information is collected and that alone, 20 or jointly with others, determines the purposes and means of the processing of consumers' personal information, that does business 21 22 in the State of California, and that satisfies one or more of the 23 following thresholds:

(A) Has annual gross revenues in excess of twenty-five million
dollars (\$25,000,000), as adjusted pursuant to paragraph (5) of
subdivision (a) of Section 1798.185.

(B) Alone or in combination, annually buys, receives for the
business's commercial purposes, sells, or shares for commercial
purposes, alone or in combination, the personal information of
50,000 or more consumers, households, or devices.

31 (C) Derives 50 percent or more of its annual revenues from 32 selling consumers' personal information.

(2) Any entity that controls or is controlled by a business, as
defined in paragraph (1), and that shares common branding with
the business. "Control" or "controlled" means ownership of, or
the power to vote, more than 50 percent of the outstanding shares
of any class of voting security of a business; control in any manner
over the election of a majority of the directors, or of individuals
exercising similar functions; or the power to exercise a controlling

1 influence over the management of a company. "Common branding"

2 means a shared name, servicemark, or trademark.

3 (d) "Business purpose" means the use of personal information 4 for the business's or a service provider's operational purposes, or 5 other notified purposes, provided that the use of personal 6 information shall be reasonably necessary and proportionate to 7 achieve the operational purpose for which the personal information 8 was collected or processed or for another operational purpose that 9 is compatible with the context in which the personal information 10 was collected. Business purposes are:

(1) Auditing related to a current interaction with the consumer
and concurrent transactions, including, but not limited to, counting
ad impressions to unique visitors, verifying positioning and quality
of ad impressions, and auditing compliance with this specification
and other standards.

(2) Detecting security incidents, protecting against malicious,
deceptive, fraudulent, or illegal activity, and prosecuting those
responsible for that activity.

(3) Debugging to identify and repair errors that impair existingintended functionality.

(4) Short-term, transient use, provided the personal information
that is not disclosed to another third party and is not used to build
a profile about a consumer or otherwise alter an individual
consumer's experience outside the current interaction, including,
but not limited to, the contextual customization of ads shown as
part of the same interaction.

(5) Performing services on behalf of the business or service
provider, including maintaining or servicing accounts, providing
customer service, processing or fulfilling orders and transactions,
verifying customer information, processing payments, providing
financing, providing advertising or marketing services, providing
analytic services, or providing similar services on behalf of the
business or service provider.

34 (6) Undertaking internal research for technological development35 and demonstration.

(7) Undertaking activities to verify or maintain the quality or
safety of a service or device that is owned, manufactured,
manufactured for, or controlled by the business, and to improve,
upgrade, or enhance the service or device that is owned,
manufactured, manufactured for, or controlled by the business.

(e) "Collects," "collected," or "collection" means buying,
 renting, gathering, obtaining, receiving, or accessing any personal
 information pertaining to a consumer by any means. This includes
 receiving information from the consumer, either actively or
 passively, or by observing the consumer's behavior.

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6 (f) "Commercial purposes" means to advance a person's 7 commercial or economic interests, such as by inducing another 8 person to buy, rent, lease, join, subscribe to, provide, or exchange 9 products, goods, property, information, or services, or enabling or 10 effecting, directly or indirectly, a commercial transaction. "Commercial purposes" do not include for the purpose of engaging 11 12 in speech that state or federal courts have recognized as 13 noncommercial speech, including political speech and journalism. 14 (g) "Consumer" means a natural person who is a California 15 resident, as defined in Section 17014 of Title 18 of the California 16 Code of Regulations, as that section read on September 1, 2017, 17 however identified, including by any unique identifier.

(h) "Deidentified" means information that cannot reasonably
identify, relate to, describe, be capable of being associated with,
or be linked, directly or indirectly, to a particular consumer,
provided that a business that uses deidentified information:

(1) Has implemented technical safeguards that prohibit
 reidentification of the consumer to whom the information may
 pertain.

(2) Has implemented business processes that specificallyprohibit reidentification of the information.

(3) Has implemented business processes to prevent inadvertentrelease of deidentified information.

29 (4) Makes no attempt to reidentify the information.

(i) "Designated methods for submitting requests" means a
mailing address, email address, Internet Web page, Internet Web
portal, toll-free telephone number, or other applicable contact
information, whereby consumers may submit a request or direction
under this title, and any new, consumer-friendly means of
contacting a business, as approved by the Attorney General
pursuant to Section 1798.185.

(j) "Device" means any physical object that is capable of
connecting to the Internet, directly or indirectly, or to another
device.

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(k) "Health insurance information" means a consumer's insurance policy number or subscriber identification number, any unique identifier used by a health insurer to identify the consumer, or any information in the consumer's application and claims history, including any appeals records, if the information is linked or reasonably linkable to a consumer or household, including via a device, by a business or service provider.

8 (*l*) "Homepage" means the introductory page of an Internet Web 9 site internet website and any Internet Web an internet web page 10 where personal information is collected. In the case of an online 11 service, such as a mobile application, homepage means the 12 application's platform page or download page, a link within the 13 application, such as from the application configuration, "About," 14 "Information," or settings page, and any other location that allows .15 consumers to review the notice required by subdivision (a) of 16 Section-1798.145, 1798.135, including, but not limited to, before 17 downloading the application.

(m) "Infer" or "inference" means the derivation of information,
 data, assumptions, or conclusions from facts, evidence, or another
 source of information or data.

(n) "Person" means an individual, proprietorship, firm,
partnership, joint venture, syndicate, business trust, company,
corporation, limited liability company, association, committee,
and any other organization or group of persons acting in concert.
(o) (1) "Personal information" means information that identifies,

relates to, describes, is capable of being associated with, or could reasonably be linked, directly or indirectly, with a particular consumer or household. Personal information includes, but is not limited to, the following if it identifies, relates to, describes, is capable of being associated with, or could be reasonably linked, directly or indirectly, with a particular consumer or household:

(A) Identifiers such as a real name, alias, postal address, unique
personal identifier, online identifier, Internet Protocol address,
email address, account name, social security number, driver's
license number, passport number, or other similar identifiers.

36 (B) Any categories of personal information described in 37 subdivision (e) of Section 1798.80.

(C) Characteristics of protected classifications under Californiaor federal law.

1 (D) Commercial information, including records of personal 2 property, products or services purchased, obtained, or considered, 3 or other purchasing or consuming histories or tendencies.

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(E) Biometric information.

5 (F) Internet or other electronic network activity information, 6 including, but not limited to, browsing history, search history, and 7 information regarding a consumer's interaction with an Internet 8 Web site, internet website, application, or advertisement.

(G) Geolocation data.

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10 (H) Audio, electronic, visual, thermal, olfactory, or similar 11 information.

12 (I) Professional or employment-related information.

(J) Education information, defined as information that is not
publicly available personally identifiable information as defined
in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C.
section 1232g, 34 C.F.R. Part 99).

17 (K) Inferences drawn from any of the information identified in
18 this subdivision to create a profile about a consumer reflecting the
19 consumer's preferences, characteristics, psychological trends,
20 predispositions, behavior, attitudes, intelligence, abilities, and
21 aptitudes.

22 (2) "Personal information" does not include publicly available 23 information. For these purposes, "publicly available" means 24 information that is lawfully made available from federal, state, or 25 local government records, if any conditions associated with such 26 information. "Publicly available" does not mean biometric 27 information collected by a business about a consumer without the 28 consumer's knowledge. Information is not "publicly available" if 29 that data is used for a purpose that is not compatible with the 30 purpose for which the data is maintained and made available in 31 the government records or for which it is publicly maintained. 32 "Publicly available" does not include consumer information that 33 is deidentified or aggregate consumer information.

(p) "Probabilistic identifier" means the identification of a
consumer or a device to a degree of certainty of more probable
than not based on any categories of personal information included
in, or similar to, the categories enumerated in the definition of
personal information.

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1 (q) "Processing" means any operation or set of operations that 2 are performed on personal data or on sets of personal data, whether or not by automated means. 3

4 (r) "Pseudonymize" or "Pseudonymization" means the 5 processing of personal information in a manner that renders the 6 personal information no longer attributable to a specific consumer 7 without the use of additional information, provided that the 8 additional information is kept separately and is subject to technical 9 and organizational measures to ensure that the personal information 10 is not attributed to an identified or identifiable consumer.

(s) "Research" means scientific, systematic study and 11 12 observation, including basic research or applied research that is in 13 the public interest and that adheres to all other applicable ethics 14 and privacy laws or studies conducted in the public interest in the 15 area of public health. Research with personal information that may 16 have been collected from a consumer in the course of the 17 consumer's interactions with a business's service or device for 18 other purposes shall be:

19 (1) Compatible with the business purpose for which the personal 20 information was collected.

21 (2) Subsequently pseudonymized and deidentified, or 22 deidentified and in the aggregate, such that the information cannot 23 reasonably identify, relate to, describe, be capable of being 24 associated with, or be linked, directly or indirectly, to a particular 25 consumer.

26 (3) Made subject to technical safeguards that prohibit 27 reidentification of the consumer to whom the information may 28 pertain.

29 (4) Subject to business processes that specifically prohibit reidentification of the information. 30

31 (5) Made subject to business processes to prevent inadvertent 32 release of deidentified information.

(6) Protected from any reidentification attempts.

34 (7) Used solely for research purposes that are compatible with 35 the context in which the personal information was collected. 36

(8) Not be used for any commercial purpose.

37 (9) Subjected by the business conducting the research to 38. additional security controls limit access to the research data to only 39 those individuals in a business as are necessary to carry out the 40 research purpose.

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(t) (1) "Sell," "selling," "sale," or "sold," means selling, renting,
 releasing, disclosing, disseminating, making available, transferring,
 or otherwise communicating orally, in writing, or by electronic or
 other means, a consumer's personal information by the business
 to another business or a third party for monetary or other valuable
 consideration.

7 (2) For purposes of this title, a business does not sell personal
8 information when: if any of the following apply:

(A) A consumer uses or directs the business to intentionally 9 10 disclose personal information or uses the business to intentionally interact with a third party, provided the third party does not also 11 12 sell the personal information, unless that disclosure would be 13 consistent with the provisions of this title. An intentional interaction 14 occurs when the consumer intends to interact with the third party, 15 via one or more deliberate interactions. Hovering over, muting, pausing, or closing a given piece of content does not constitute a 16 17 consumer's intent to interact with a third party.

18 (B) The business uses or shares an identifier for a consumer 19 who has opted out of the sale of the consumer's personal 20 information for the purposes of alerting third parties that the 21 consumer has opted out of the sale of the consumer's personal 22 information.

(C) The business uses or shares with a service provider personal
 information of a consumer that is necessary to perform a business
 purpose if both of the following conditions are met:

(i) The business has provided notice that information being used
or shared in its terms and conditions consistent with Section
1798.135.

(ii) The service provider does not further collect, sell, or use the
 personal information of the consumer except as necessary to
 perform the business purpose.

32 (D) The business transfers to a third party the personal 33 information of a consumer as an asset that is part of a merger, 34 acquisition, bankruptcy, or other transaction in which the third 35 party assumes control of all or part of the business, provided that 36 information is used or shared-consistently consistent with Sections 37 1798.110 and 1798.115. If a third party materially alters how it 38 uses or shares the personal information of a consumer in a manner 39 that is materially inconsistent with the promises made at the time 40 of collection, it shall provide prior notice of the new or changed

practice to the consumer. The notice shall be sufficiently prominent 1 2 and robust to ensure that existing consumers can easily exercise 3 their choices consistently consistent with Section 1798.120. This 4 subparagraph does not authorize a business to make material, 5 retroactive privacy policy changes or make other changes in their 6 privacy policy in a manner that would violate the Unfair and 7 Deceptive Practices Act (Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 8 17200) of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions 9 Code).

10 *(E) (i)* Pursuant to a written contract, the business shares, 11 discloses, or otherwise communicates to another business or third 12 party an online identifier, an Internet Protocol address, a cookie 13 identifier, a device identifier, or any unique identifier only to the 14 extent necessary to deliver, show, measure, or otherwise serve or 15 audit a specific advertisement to the consumer.

(ii) The contract specified in clause (i) shall prohibit the other
business or third party from sharing, selling, or otherwise
communicating the information except as necessary to deliver,
show, measure, or otherwise serve or audit an advertisement from
the business.

(u) "Service" or "services" means work, labor, and services,
including services furnished in connection with the sale or repair
of goods.

24 (v) "Service provider" means a sole proprietorship, partnership, 25 limited liability company, corporation, association, or other legal 26 entity that is organized or operated for the profit or financial benefit 27 of its shareholders or other owners, that processes information on 28 behalf of a business and to which the business discloses a 29 consumer's personal information for a business purpose pursuant 30 to a written contract, provided that the contract prohibits the entity 31 receiving the information from retaining, using, or disclosing the 32 personal information for any purpose other than for the specific purpose of performing the services specified in the contract for 33 the business, or as otherwise permitted by this title, including 34 retaining, using, or disclosing the personal information for a 35 commercial purpose other than providing the services specified in 36 37 the contract with the business.

38 (w) "Third party" means a person who is not any of the 39 following:

1 (1) The business that collects personal information from 2 consumers under this title.

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(2) (A) A person to whom the business discloses a consumer's personal information for a business purpose pursuant to a written contract, provided that the contract:

(i) Prohibits the person receiving the personal information from:

(I) Selling the personal information.

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8 (II) Retaining, using, or disclosing the personal information for 9 any purpose other than for the specific purpose of performing the 10 services specified in the contract, including retaining, using, or 11 disclosing the personal information for a commercial purpose other 12 than providing the services specified in the contract.

13 (III) Retaining, using, or disclosing the information outside of 14 the direct business relationship between the person and the 15 business.

(ii) Includes a certification made by the person receiving the
personal information that the person understands the restrictions
in-subparagraph (A) clause (i) and will comply with them.

19 (B) A person covered by this paragraph that violates any of the 20 restrictions set forth in this title shall be liable for the violations. 21 A business that discloses personal information to a person covered by this paragraph in compliance with this paragraph shall not be 22 23 liable under this title if the person receiving the personal 24 information uses it in violation of the restrictions set forth in this title, provided that, at the time of disclosing the personal 25 26 information, the business does not have actual knowledge, or 27 reason to believe, that the person intends to commit such a 28 violation.

(x) "Unique identifier" or "Unique personal identifier" means 29 30 a persistent identifier that can be used to recognize a consumer, a 31 family, or a device that is linked to a consumer or family, over 32 time and across different services, including, but not limited to, a 33 device identifier; an Internet Protocol address; cookies, beacons, 34 pixel tags, mobile ad identifiers, or similar technology; customer 35 number, unique pseudonym, or user alias; telephone numbers, or 36 other forms of persistent or probabilistic identifiers that can be 37 used to identify a particular consumer or device. For purposes of this subdivision, "family" means a custodial parent or guardian 38 39 and any minor children over which the parent or guardian has 40 custody.

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(y) "Verifiable consumer request" means a request that is made 1 2 by a consumer, by a consumer on behalf of the consumer's minor 3 child, or by a natural person or a person registered with the 4 Secretary of State, authorized by the consumer to act on the 5 consumer's behalf, and that the business can reasonably verify, 6 pursuant to regulations adopted by the Attorney General pursuant 7 to paragraph (7) of subdivision (a) of Section 1798.185 to be the 8 consumer about whom the business has collected personal 9 information. A business is not obligated to provide information to 10 the consumer pursuant to Sections 1798.110 and 1798.115 if the business cannot verify, pursuant to this subdivision and regulations 11 12 adopted by the Attorney General pursuant to paragraph (7) of 13 subdivision (a) of Section 1798.185, that the consumer making 14 the request is the consumer about whom the business has collected - 15 information or is a person authorized by the consumer to act on such consumer's behalf. 16

17 SECTION 1. Section 1798.135 of the Civil Code is amended
 18 to read:

1798.135. (a) A business that is required to comply with
 Section 1798.120 shall, in a form that is reasonably accessible to
 consumers:

(1) Provide a clear and conspicuous link on the business's
internet homepage, titled "Do Not Sell My Personal Information,"
to an internet web page that enables a consumer, or a person
authorized by the consumer, to opt-out of the sale of the consumer's
personal information. A business shall not require a consumer to
create an account in order to direct the business not to sell the
consumer's personal information.

(2) Include a description of a consumer's rights pursuant to
Section 1798.120, along with a separate link to the "Do Not Sell
My Personal Information" internet web page in:

32 (A) Its online privacy policy or policies if the business has an
 33 online privacy policy or policies.

34 (B) Any California-specific description of consumers' privacy
 35 rights.

36 (3) Ensure that all individuals responsible for handling consumer
37 inquiries about the business's privacy practices or the business's
38 compliance with this title are informed of all requirements in
39 Section 1798.120 and this section and how to direct consumers to
40 exercise their rights under those sections.

(4) For consumers who exercise their right to opt-out of the sale
 of their personal information, refrain from selling personal
 information collected by the business about the consumer.

4 (5) For a consumer who has opted-out of the sale of the 5 consumer's personal information, respect the consumer's decision 6 to opt-out for at least 12 months before requesting that the 7 consumer authorize the sale of the consumer's personal 8 information.

9 (6) Use any personal information collected from the consumer 10 in connection with the submission of the consumer's opt-out 11 request solely for the purposes of complying with the opt-out 12 request.

13 (b) Nothing in this title shall be construed to require a business 14 to comply with the title by including the required links and text 15 on the homepage that the business makes available to the public 16 generally, if the business maintains a separate and additional 17 homepage that is dedicated to California consumers and that 18 includes the required links and text, and the business takes 19 reasonable steps to ensure that California consumers are directed 20 to the homepage for California consumers and not the homepage 21 made available to the public generally.

(c) A consumer may authorize another person solely to opt-out
of the sale of the consumer's personal information on the
consumer's behalf, and a business shall comply with an opt-out
request received from a person authorized by the consumer to act
on the consumer's behalf, pursuant to regulations adopted by the
Attorney General.

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The Honorable Henry Stern State Capitol, Room 5080 Sacramento, CA 95814

cc: Senate Judiciary Committee

15 April 2019

### **Opposition to Senate Bill No. 753**

Dear Senator Stern,

I represent Brave, a rapidly growing Internet browser based in San Francisco. Brave is at the cutting edge of the online media industry. Brave's CEO, Brendan Eich, is the inventor of JavaScript, and also co-founded Mozilla/Firefox. Brave is headquartered in San Francisco and innovates in online advertising and related areas.

As an innovative digital business that participates in the online advertising industry, we strongly oppose S.B. 753. The bill's proposed amendments to Civil Code Section 1798.140(t) would permit disclosure of personal information for the purpose of serving and displaying advertising. In our view, the bill would seriously undermine the California Consumer Privacy Act.

For example, the amendment would permit companies to broadcast intimate personal information to hundreds of companies every time an ad is served using "real-time bidding", one of the most common ways that advertisements are sold and served on the Internet. Before an ad is served to a person loading a web page, a "bid request" is sent to an advertising auction, and then to tens or hundreds of subsequent parties, in order to solicit bids from them for the opportunity to show an ad to that specific person. A "bid request" broadcast about a particular visitor to a website can include:

- The URL of what the person is reading/watching/listening to.
- The person's age.
- The person's GPS coordinates.
- The person's IP address (Google anonymizes this, but other companies do not).
- Category codes of content the person is loading, which can reveal their interests, medical conditions, and other sensitive facts.



Example Google codes: 571 eating disorders, 410 left-wing politics, 202 male impotence, 862 Buddhism, 625 AIDS & HIV, 547 African-Americans. Example IAB codes: IAB7-9 Bipolar disorder, IAB 7-18 Depression, IAB 7-3 AIDS/HIV, IAB 23-10 Latter-Day Saints, IAB 23-8 Judaism.

 Unique codes and device descriptions that allow the latest personal information about the person to be added to existing profiles about them.

Real-time bidding happens at a staggering scale: hundreds of billions of such auctions every day.<sup>1</sup> Each of these broadcasts can be received by hundreds of companies, which may then pass it on to hundreds more.

These codes, and other personal information in the bid request, allow unknown parties to build and share individual profiles without allowing consumers to discover who has access to their personal information.

The real-time bidding process represents the most massive leakage of sensitive personal information ever recorded, and yet it would fit under the exception that S.B. 753 proposes. That exception would allow a massive leak of personal information and grievously harm the California Consumer Protection Act.

#### Inadequate safeguards

We do recognize that S.B. 753 includes a provision attempting to limit further sharing of data by mandating contracts. This is unfortunately inadequate, because contractual provisions will be impossible to investigate and enforce.

The IAB, the tracking industry's foremost lobby group, has observed in internal documents that "there is no technical way to limit the way data is used after the data is received by a vendor for decisioning/budding on/after delivery of an ad".<sup>2</sup> In other words, once every Internet user's intimate information has been shared, there is no way to control it, or to undo the harm of sharing.

<sup>1</sup> Evidence to United Kingdom Information Commissioner's Office, and to Irish Data Protection Commission on the scale of RTB bid requests, submitted on 20 February 2019 (URL:

https://fixad.tech/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/4-appendix-on-market-saturation-of-the-systems.pdf). <sup>2</sup> "Pubvendors.json: transparency & consent framework", IAB TechLab, May 2018, presented in evidence to United Kingdom Information Commissioner's Office, and to Irish Data Protection Commission on the scale of RTB bid requests, submitted on 20 February 2019 (URL: https://fixad.tech/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2-pubvendors.json-v1.0.pdf).

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## The exception would stifle innovation

We as industry participants know that there is no technical need, or business justification, for the mass-distribution of personal information for online advertising and auditing.

Brave's own privacy-focused advertising system, currently in testing with the Dow Jones Media Group, and its blockchain token of attention that already pays 80,000 online creators and publishers, is an example of privacy-friendly innovation that is already happening.

High standards in the Act will enable better innovation. The real-time bidding system can and should operate without the inclusion of personal information and unique identifiers.

Californians deserve both strong privacy protections and innovation from industry. As industry innovators, we believe that strong legal privacy protections promote the best technologies. Therefore, we oppose S.B. 753.

Sincerely,

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