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Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 3127 A

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I am writing to you today for the purposes of explaining my “Nay” vote on HB 3127 A.

First, I would like to explain that I was not against the bill in its entirety. I believe it is well within the purview of this legislative body to deem what applications or software are appropriate or inappropriate for state government devices.

However, where I took issue with the bill can be found on page 2, line 1. It states the following: “Any other corporate entity designated a covered vendor by the State Chief Information Officer under section 3 of this 2023 Act.” I found this language to be far too broad, giving one unelected official too much power.

Instead, I believe there should have been a provision within the bill that requires the State Chief Information Officer to seek approval from the Oregon Legislature before including other entities that could lead to the prohibition of apps and/or software.

It was for this reason that I could not support the bill.

We must always tread lightly when we give unelected officials broad power.

Sincerely,

Representative Virgle Osborne