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<p data-bbox="175 317 354 348">9/23/2016 22:24</p> <p data-bbox="147 627 334 659">Barbara Cellarius</p>	<p data-bbox="365 203 1403 348">I am writing to express my concern that this ballot initiative and the focus on linking voter registration to PFD applications fails to address a much more critical and important issue – the protection of the personal information of people who register to vote.</p> <p data-bbox="365 415 1414 638">Last I checked, the Division of Elections has no choice but to sell our personal information to whoever wants to pay for it. I contacted them with the request that they stop selling my personal information and was told that by law they are required to do so. As a result, during the last general election I was bombarded by harassing robocalls (which I also would like to see banned). There has to be a way to avoid this that doesn't necessitate un-registering to vote. Which currently seems to be the best option.</p> <p data-bbox="365 724 1419 1136">The Division of Elections needs to be subject to privacy rules/rules protecting personal information that are at least as strict if not more strict than those for the PFD. At the very most, parties buying voter information should be able to find out whether someone is registered to vote and their community of residence. And the fee should be high. No information should be given out that links individual names to party affiliation, voting record, or contact information beyond community of residence. Researchers could have access to records that have been stripped of names or other personal information, provided that they can document that the information will be used for research only, they are associated with an accredited research organization, and upon signing a legally binding statement that it will not be used to contact or in any other way harass individual voters.</p> <p data-bbox="365 1205 1406 1314">Obviously I fill strongly about this. I cannot support this ballot measure unless there are assurances that it comes with increased protections for those of us who go to the trouble of registering to vote.</p> <p data-bbox="365 1362 1414 1430">Thank you for taking the time to read my message. I hope that you can help address this important issue.</p>