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**Testimony of Senator Garrett Mason  
LD 1610, "An Act To Protect Privacy of Online Customer Personal  
Information"  
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Senator Woodsome, Representative Barry, and members of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, my name is Senator Garrett Mason, I represent Androscoggin County, and I am the Senate Majority Leader. I am pleased to be here today to speak in favor of LD 1610, "An Act To Protect Privacy of Online Customer Personal Information."

When Congress voted to repeal the FCC rules, many people, including myself, became concerned that their personal information and, in turn, their privacy, would be sold. This bill replicates the rules that were repealed by Congress and seeks to protect every Mainer who accesses the internet and ensures that their personal information is protected.

This bill is about privacy. Right now, internet providers can gather your browsing history, geo-location history and other information. If this measure were to pass, you would have to provide affirmative consent to providers in order for them to sell this data to others.

In a world where identity theft and data breaches are all too common, I believe that the legislature should do all it can to protect the private information of Mainers. Thank you, I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.