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To: Senate Judiciary Committee

From: Bill Roberts, AARP Montana Volunteer Advocate

Re: Support HB 74, "Notification of Data Breaches to the Attorney General"

Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee, for the record my name is Bill Roberts and I am a Volunteer Advocate with AARP Montana that represents over 150,000 members in this state. We urge this committee to approve HB 74, a bill that will help consumers in the unfortunate event that their personal information is part of a data breach.

House Bill 74 will help not only senior consumers, but a wide range of individuals who could be affected by a variety of data breaches. The faster consumers respond to a data breach, the more likely they will not be victims of identity theft. This bill allows the Attorney General to help consumers in the early phase of a data breach.

In addition, I'd like the committee to know about AARP's Fraud Watch Network, our effort to educate Americans about fraud scams and hopefully help them avoid becoming victims.

I appreciate your time today and urge a do pass on HB 74. Thank you.