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The Minnesota Coalition on Government Information (MNCOGI) would like to thank the members of the commission for the venue they have provided to testify about a wide range of data policy matters facing the state, and the ways in which those matters impact government oversight and accountability. Below, please find brief summaries of major issues we continue to track:

License plate reader (LPR) data: Keep all collected LPR data “not public” until law enforcement personnel separate narrow “hit” data from irrelevant “non-hit” data. Within a very short time period after capture, destroy all “non-hit” data. This approach will keep data collection and maintenance focused on immediate law enforcement purposes, instead of creating a broad, invasive database of citizen movements for later review. The public should also have access to information about the use and location of LRP systems.

Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) data: The public should have access to business data held by HMOs that relate to how those organizations spend public monies administering the state’s public health care programs. The data should include HMO administrative expenses and provider payment rates.

Body camera data: If police agencies use body cameras, video collection should be narrow and limited, instead of ongoing and unconstrained. To the greatest extent possible, the resulting footage should be “public” data, in order to allow the public to evaluate body camera use and police conduct. The legislature has the ability to limit data collection - or to otherwise regulate body cameras - to the extent that it sees fit.

The legislature should oppose any attempt by law enforcement to obtain a temporary classification for body camera data, as the legislature is in the opening stages of crafting body camera policy.

Drone data: If government agencies use drones, data collection by those drones should be narrow and limited, and subject to appropriate regulations and restrictions. The legislature should institute reporting requirements to ensure that the public understands the scope and scale of drone use by the government.

Legislative Commission on Data Practices: MNCOGI feels that the Legislative Commission on Data Practices has made a major contribution to improving the quality of the dialog around data policy issues at the legislature. MNCOGI urges the legislature to continue to support the commission, and to extend additional resources as needed.