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Committee Members:

I experienced Service Alberta breaching my privacy and I continue to have concerns about Alberta government handling of my personal information as well as that of my family members. I submit that amendments to PIPA are long overdue including precisely stating consequences for those who breach the provisions of PIPA.

Currently PIPA places too much trust in appointed people when they ought not to be so trusted nor is it foolhardy to give any one appointed person so much power. I find a lot of abuse of trust just going by without notice by those who should take note. I submit that people should have a direct path back to the elected government in the legislature for victims to seek redress and it is fool-hardy to leave us to the mercies of self-regulated professions for example and most of all judges who are accountable to no one. The elected government is accountable to us while those appointed to positions are accountable just to themselves. They do as they please. There is a lot of abuse and unlawful use and disclosure of people's information

My response to most of the questions is in the negative and I know of the PIPA inadequacies based on experience. Much more needs to be done to protect Albertans. I specifically answer no to questions 1-7; 9; 12-14 and 16-21 and I find the issues raised by questions 19 and 20 particularly galling and that makes them particularly related to this submission.

As suggested in my two paragraphs above I re-iterate the two suggested remedies above and here submit again that this review provides the following to ordinary Albertans:

- State consequences precisely for breaching the provisions of PIPA and in doing so employ use of mandatory language "must" rather than may (must be fined not may be fined)
- Create a final avenue of redress to this legislature so Albertans can hold the elected government accountable for violations of their right. Right now all that is just a farce with the prevalence of misbehaviours and mis-conduct by those appointed to positions of power under PIPA

Below is a background in which I lay out some personal experiences of abuse under PIPA.

Background - Violations of My/Our Rights Under PIPA- My Personal Encounters

Alberta Government Sold My Personal Information to Law Firms: It Then Became Public

I took a certain party to court and their lawyer got my personal information including my SIN number and date of birth from Service Alberta. The lawyer filed those in court thereby making them public record. Service Alberta then let me know they have an *arrangement with certain lawyers* where *they pay a fee* to have access to this information and the arrangement is *to help lawyers with their work*. When I raised a stink in court, the judge quickly shut down my case. All the lawyers then teamed up [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. In this case the government actually "ganged up against me in court and PIPA should never be used in this manner. There is nothing in place to guard against unscrupulous "professionals". All that I say here are public information and can be found at Court of Queen's Bench

[REDACTED]:
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Personal Information Released To [REDACTED] Worst Enemy (While [REDACTED] was in My Care)

[REDACTED] has Dementia (Alzheimer type). All [REDACTED] had was memory issues and [REDACTED] took steps for me to act as [REDACTED] guardian and trustee based on advice from the Public Guardian Office. [REDACTED] did not want [REDACTED] affairs to become public. In our culture that is an indignity! Home care hunters cunningly kidnapped [REDACTED], trafficked [REDACTED] then held [REDACTED] captive in a nursing home and just like that got [REDACTED] personal information and had [REDACTED] income directed to them. When I resisted and people sensed they were in trouble, government agents including the Attorney General's Office ganged up and unlawfully released [REDACTED] personal information to [REDACTED] worst enemy- [REDACTED] and even to strangers. This estranged relative saw the opportunity to wreak [REDACTED] promised revenge on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had reported this person to police about abusing a family member among other things. This person is now [REDACTED] guardian and [REDACTED] had threatened to do [REDACTED] harm in [REDACTED] old age

Before [REDACTED] was even dependent Home Care was bullying me to put [REDACTED] in a home rather than respecting [REDACTED] decision to stay in the community and the very reason I left my comfortable life to be with [REDACTED]. They had doctors (and nurses) at the ready to just declare [REDACTED] incompetent. [REDACTED] has been falsely imprisoned at this nursing home for over 10 years and I have not seen [REDACTED] in over 8 years. Murderers have gone to prison and been freed while [REDACTED] has [REDACTED] freedom taken

away for just getting old. No one observed or upheld the laws to protect [REDACTED] so having all these laws as they are serve very little purpose if the people administering them are corrupt. Therefore I submit revising this Act must include an avenue of redress right back to this legislature when these laws are violated especially by those this legislature empowers. Victims cannot count on judges, nor the Attorney General, nor any government appointed person. None of them is accountable and they all close ranks when a stink starts

My experience with crooked social workers, doctors and nurses and others are well document in Court of Queens' Bench files. I am comfortable telling this committee that judges do not care about the law and I think they find it entertaining when victims point them to the law and are even more entertained about the abuse and plight of those with mental issues