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Dear

Information sold by data brokers goes relatively unregulated in the United States. The possibility that actors with ill intentions can buy Americans' data to engage in nefarious activities against the United States is concerning. My interest lies in better understanding this possibility in an attempt to better protect the privacy of the American people. With your company's help, I would like some clarity on the questions listed below. Please reply to and/or direct follow up questions to Patrick Fox at patrick_fox@cassidy.senate.gov.

Questions:

1. In your opinion, can the Chinese government or a Chinese state-sponsored company have access to Americans' data without having to purchase it? This is to say, could such access be developed or purchased from the same public sources you access?
2. Has the Chinese government or Chinese state-sponsored company or any entity which could be reasonably thought to represent one of the above, purchased access on a permanent or temporary basis to data from your company in the past or are they doing so presently?
3. When you sell information on Americans, do you restrict the re-sale of this information?
4. Is there anything else pertinent to understanding the risk of Chinese or other foreign government purchase of data regarding Americans that Congress should know?

Thank you in advance of your reply. If a reply could be given within 4 weeks, that would be appreciated.

Respectfully,


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United States Senator